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Danny Bickell
Deputy Clerk for Practice and Procedure
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: No. 17-1176
Heath Rankin, Petitioner adv. Christian Longoria, Respondent

Dear Mr. Bickell:

I am counsel for Respondent in the above-referenced case. On February 20, 2018, a certiorari petition was docketed in this case. Unless extended by the Court, the response would be due on March 26, 2018. For the reasons that follow, and pursuant to Rule 30.4, I respectfully request an extension of 30 days, to and including April 25, 2018, in which to file a response.

I have several pressing obligations during these upcoming weeks, including responding to post-trial motions and seeking attorney's fees following favorable jury verdicts in two, back-to-back jury trials in late December 2017 and January 2018. In addition, following the extensive time spent in trial preparation and trial, undersigned counsel has a planned family vacation for the last week of March 2018. An extension will allow me to meet these obligations and also to file a response that adequately addresses the points raised in the petition.

For these reasons, I ask that a 30-day extension be granted. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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