No. 17-1678

In The Supreme Court of the United States

JESUS HERNANDEZ, ET AL.,

Petitioners,

v.

JESUS MESA, Jr.,

Respondent.

Clerk, Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: No. 15-118; JESUS HERNANDEZ, ET AL., v JESUS MESA, JR.

Honorable Clerk:

Pursuant to Rule 30.4, the Respondent herewith requests that the time within which to respond to the petition for writ of certiorari in the above captioned case be extended **15** days, to and including **August 4, 2018.** The petition for writ of *certiorari* was filed on **June 15, 2018** and the brief in opposition is currently due – unless extended – on **July 20, 2018**.

This request is made necessary because of the complex issues in this case, as well as the notoriety of this case, have resulted in several third parties seeking consent to file *amici* briefs in support of the Petitioners' petition for writ of certiorari. Counsel will need more time to respond to the petition, as well as address the various issues raised in the proposed *amici* briefs.

Petitioners' counsel, PROF. STEPHEN I. VLADECK, consents to this request for an extension.

Sincerely yours,

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(The letter shall be served on all other parties as required by Rule 29)