

December 20, 2017

Scott S. Harris, Esq.
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Bellevue v. Universal Health Services of Hartgrove, Inc.*, No. 17-842

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record for respondent in the above-captioned case and am writing to request a 30-day extension of time in which to file a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari. The petition was placed on the Court's docket on December 12, 2017, and a response to the petition is currently due on January 11, 2018. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time, to and including February 12, 2018, in which to file a response to the petition. The additional time is warranted because, in the upcoming weeks, I have several significant professional obligations in matters pending in state and federal court, including pretrial briefing in *Navelski v. International Paper Co.*, No. 14-cv-445 (N.D. Fla), and a reply brief in support of the petition for a writ of certiorari in *Philip Morris USA Inc. v. Lourie*, No. 17-401. I have conferred with counsel of record for petitioner, who does not have a position on a 30-day extension of time.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Clinton A Krislov, Esq.
Counsel for petitioner