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Scott S. Harris Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the United States One First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20543-0001

Subj: Exxon Mobil Corporation v. Maura Healey, Attorney General of Massachusetts, No. 18-311 — Request for Extension of Time

Dear Clerk Harris:

The Respondent in the above-referenced case, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey, has been asked by the Court to file a brief in response to the petition for a writ of certiorari by November 28, 2018. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, we respectfully request that the time allowed for the Respondent to file her brief be extended by fifty-eight days, up to and including January 25, 2019. This request is based on the significance of this matter, the need for extensive review within the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, the upcoming holiday season, and the extent of my own professional duties.

A Court-requested brief in response to a petition for a writ of certiorari is scrutinized closely in our Office. The brief in this case will be subjected to multiple rounds of thorough evaluation and revision by various attorneys at different levels, all of which will require time. While I am giving this matter priority status, I also remain responsible for reviewing state and federal appellate briefs and federal district court amicus briefs that the Office joins. In addition, I maintain a significant caseload of my own, as to which reassignment would be impractical, either because of my long involvement or for other reasons.

For these reasons, a fifty-eight-day extension will enable our Office to provide the Court with a more thorough and helpful brief. Counsel for Petitioner, who received a sixty-day extension to file Exxon Mobil's petition for a writ of certiorari, has consented to this request. On behalf of the Respondent, we respectfully request that the Court allow the extension of time.

Very truly yours,

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