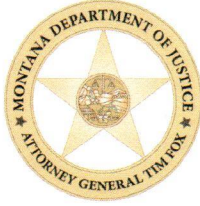


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Mr. Danny Bickell  
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Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Montanans for Community Development v. Mangan*, No. 18-377

Dear Mr. Bickell:

With the consent of Petitioners' counsel, I am writing to request a 30-day extension, to and including January 9, 2019, in which to file a brief in opposition to the petition for certiorari in this case. Rule 30(4). Respondents' brief in opposition is currently due on December 10, 2018.

The extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for the preparation of the brief have been heavily engaged in other litigation and administrative obligations. The State will work diligently in preparing a draft of the brief in opposition, but needs additional time to ensure sufficient review, input, and revision from co-counsel so that the issues presented in the petition are fully addressed for the Court.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dale Schowengerdt", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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