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## VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Alabama Department of Revenue, et al., v. CSX Transportation, Inc.

S. Ct. No. 18-447

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on October 5, 2018 and placed on the docket on October 10, 2018. The response is due on November 9, 2018.

Respondent CSX Transportation, Inc. respectfully requests, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, a 28-day extension of time to and including December 7, 2018, within which to file the response.

Three attorneys for Respondent required to analyze and prepare a response have been out of the country in October on trips scheduled prior to the filing of the petition. The in-house attorney for Respondent in charge of supervising the litigation; Supreme Court counsel; and the lead attorney for Respondent have all been out of the country for various and sometimes overlapping periods of time, with the result that October was basically lost as a time period during which a response to the petition could be completed by the current deadline.

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In addition, should *amici curiae* file in support of the petition, their briefs will be due November 9, 2018; an extension will allow adequate time for the response to address any additional arguments they might raise.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Stephen D. Goodwin

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