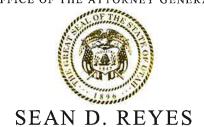
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Mr. Scott S. Harris, Clerk Supreme Court of the United States One First Street, NE Washington, DC 20543

Re: Utah Republican Party v. Cox et al., No. 18-450

Dear Mr. Harris:

On behalf of Respondent Spencer J. Cox, the Lieutenant Governor of Utah, I respectfully request a 30-day extension of time to and including February 2, 2019, within which to file Mr. Cox's brief in opposition in this case. See S. Ct. R. 30.4. The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on October 9, 2018, after petitioner received an unopposed 30-day extension of its petition deadline. The Court requested a response on December 4, 2018, making the Lieutenant Governor's current deadline January 3, 2019. If granted, this would be the Lieutenant Governor's first extension.

This extension is requested for two principal reasons. First, seven different amici curiae filed briefs in support of the petition. The cumulative word count of those seven briefs is 31,972 words—more than 3.5 times the 9,000-word limit for a petition. Counsel needs the additional time to adequately review those briefs and the petition before preparing the Lieutenant Governor's response.

Second, the extension is necessary to allow counsel to conduct that review contemporaneously with their other professional commitments and their previously scheduled personal commitments during the holiday season.

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Thank you very much for your consideration. Please contact me should you need additional information.

Very truly yours,

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