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

Re: Juan Carlos Vazquez v. the State of South Carolina, Docket No. 18-5071

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record for Respondent, the State of South Carolina, in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to Rule 15.3 and Rule 30.4, undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension of time from the current filing date of October 1, 2018, to file the Brief of Respondent. This extension request is necessitated by a heavy workload. Undersigned counsel supervises the Post-Conviction Relief section of the Office of the Attorney General for the State of South Carolina, and in that role, directly supervises a staff of ten attorneys and numerous support staff. Undersigned counsel also carries a statewide case load in both South Carolina appellate and circuit courts and has recently appeared in the South Carolina Court of Common Pleas for hearings in the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Ninth Judicial Circuit, the Tenth Judicial Circuit, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, and the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. Additionally, undersigned counsel has filed numerous circuit and appellate filings. Therefore, undersigned counsel respectfully requests additional time to prepare a responsive brief which properly addresses all the issues raised in the Petition. This is Respondent's first application to extend the filing date to file the Brief in Opposition.

Therefore, undersigned counsel respectfully requests this Court extend the time for Respondent to file its Brief in Opposition for a period of thirty days to and including October 31, 2018. Undersigned counsel is serving a copy of this letter upon Petitioner contemporaneously with the filing of this letter.

Sincerely,

Megan Harrigan Jameson
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Counsel of Record for Respondent

cc: Juan Carlos Vazquez