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

RE: Joseph Perez v. The State of California
United States Supreme Court Case No. 18-5399

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record for the respondent, the State of California, in this capital case. A response to the petition for writ of certiorari is due on August 29, 2018. Pursuant to rule 30.4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time, to and including Friday, September 28, 2018, to file an opposition.

This is respondent's first request for an extension of time to file a response. This matter was placed on the docket on July 18, 2018. Over the last few weeks, I have been working on this case, and I have prepared a draft brief in opposition to the petition. The internal review and editing of the brief will begin this week, but an extension of time is needed to complete that process of review and revision, in order to better enable preparation of a brief that respondent believes would be most helpful to the Court. In particular, the Deputy Solicitor General who is assigned to this case is currently preparing for an oral argument in the California Supreme Court on September 5, 2018, and the extension would allow him to give more focused attention to the brief after that date.

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Counsel for petitioner, Richard Ellis, has stated that he does not oppose this request for an extension of time.

Sincerely,



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