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

RE: Mike Peter Gallardo v. State of Arizona, No. 18-5517

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to United States Supreme Court Rule 30(4), the State of Arizona respectfully requests a first 30-day extension of time to file the Brief in Opposition to Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case. The Brief in Opposition is currently due on September 7, 2018. The State of Arizona requests an extension of time to and including October 8, 2018. Gallardo's counsel, Garrett Simpson, does not oppose this extension.

The extension is requested due to undersigned counsel's being new to the Capital Litigation Section and newly assigned to this matter. Counsel is currently reviewing the case file. Counsel is also in the process of completing an answering brief in *State v. Kristopher Joel Cooley*, No. 1 CA-CR 18-0012, which is due in the Arizona Court of Appeals on September 24, 2018.

The affidavit of service of this letter is enclosed. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and your consideration.

Sincerely,

s/_____
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