

No A 17-

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
OCTOBER TERM 2017

Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH, Petitioner
vs.

South Carolina Respondent

APPLICATION TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES,
FOR A 60-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH, *pro se* prays the Honorable Chief Justice of the United States for a sixty-day extension of time to seek this Court's review of the Supreme Court of South Carolina's 7 March 2018 judgment in this important matter.

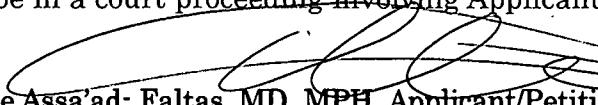
Applicant respectfully certifies to this Court that she needs the extension because she is a victim and survivor of the October 2015 disastrous flood in South Carolina and has had to devote substantial time and effort to managing her living situation after the flood, specially that severe weather events continue to inflict this area, including Hurricane Alberto which brought heavy and residence-threatening rain.

Applicant, the victim of double-digit false criminal charges against her, most of which she had, thank God, defeated *pro se*, has nonetheless had to be in court extensively recently to vacate convictions procured when ineffective counsel had been forced on her. Applicant, has, thank God, *preliminarily* prevailed in the two state post-conviction-relief ("PCR") matters of hers already tried in state court but had to spend unexpectedly and unusually great time to oppose the state's post-trial moves.

Applicant also has another PCR matter to be tried soon, God willing; and many pre-trial procedures are subject to state-law deadlines which coincide with, and interfered with, preparation of the proposed petition in this case.

Additionally, Applicant's financial situation is currently so strained by the expenses of her three PCR cases and the lack of finality of the two on which she preliminarily prevailed (the relief would include refund of her fine in one case and refund of her bond in the other) that she currently cannot gather the clerical expenses of compiling an adequate petition in this case for which she seeks the sixty-day extension.

Respectfully submitted on Friday, 1 June 2018, and served the same day by hand-delivery to SC's Attorney General's Office, or hand-delivery to a lawyer from that office who is expected to be in a court proceeding involving Applicant this morning, all God so willing.


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