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February 1, 2019

Scott S. Harris, Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
Office of the Clerk
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543-0001

Re: **Rita Pultro v. Pennsylvania, No 18-6750**
(certiorari petition response)

Dear Mr. Harris:

I received your letter, dated January 15, 2019, directing me to respond to the certiorari petition filed in the above-captioned matter by February 14, 2019. I am respectfully requesting an extension of time of 46 days, until Monday, April 1, 2019, in which to file my response.

I am in consultation with the Pennsylvania Attorneys General Office and other Pennsylvania prosecutors regarding how best to respond to the certiorari petition in this matter which concerns Bruton v. United States, 391 U.S. 123, 88 S.Ct. 1620, 20 L.Ed.2d 476 (1968) and its application to a redacted statement of a co-defendant. I have not heard from some of the people who I still need to hear from in preparing my response. Accordingly, I will not be able to complete my response by the current due date.

I also have a prepaid vacation in February and will be out of state for a week or so. I have spoken to opposing counsel, Mr. Wismer, who has no objection to my request for an extension of 46 days.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 610-891-4207 (w) or at 610-662-7006 (c) or at toalb@co.delaware.pa.us (my office e-mail address) or at wrtoal3@gmail.com (my personal e-mail address). Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

William R. Toal, III
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cc: William P. Wismer, Esquire