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Hon. Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: No. 18-699, *Brookdale Senior Living Communities, Inc. v. United States ex rel. Prather*

Dear Clerk Harris,

I represent the respondent in the above-captioned matter. The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was docketed on November 28, 2018, and respondent's opposition is due December 28. I respectfully request, under this Court's Rule 30.4, a 30-day extension of time to and including January 28, 2019 (January 27 is a Sunday), to file a brief in opposition.

This extension is requested because the press of other matters will make preparation of the opposition difficult by the current due date, and because the petition may be supported by one or more amicus briefs, which respondent wishes to consider and, if necessary, respond to in the brief in opposition.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Barrett".

Patrick Barrett

Cc: Counsel for petitioners