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

VIA FEDEX

RE: *Jae Yung Kim v. Debbie Asuncion, Warden*
Supreme Court of the United States, Case No. 18-7747

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Rules 15.3 and 30.4, I respectfully request a thirty-day extension of time, to April 5, 2019, to file respondent's brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari in the above-referenced matter. This request is made for the following reasons.

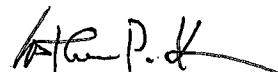
On January 31, 2019, Petitioner filed a writ of certiorari in this Court. On February 4, 2019, the matter was placed on the docket. A response is due on March 6, 2019.

I am currently working on a respondent's brief on a capital matter in the California Supreme Court. I anticipate spending the next two weeks working on the respondent's brief and will begin reviewing the instant petition for writ of certiorari after that time. I anticipate several rounds of editing and review by my supervisors, including a Deputy Solicitor General in the California Solicitor General's Office. After approval, I anticipate needing sufficient time for our legal support staff to prepare the brief for filing.

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Therefore, I respectfully request a thirty-day extension of time to file the brief in opposition. On February 21, 2019, I contacted Jelani Lindsey, Deputy Federal Public Defender and counsel for Petitioner to determine whether he has an objection to this extension request. He has indicated that he has no objections to our request.

Sincerely,



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For Xavier Becerra
Attorney General

In the Supreme Court of the United States

JAE YUNG KIM, *Petitioner*

v.

DEBBIE ASUNCION, *Respondent*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I, Esther P. Kim, Deputy Attorney General, a member of the Bar of this Court hereby certify that on **February 21, 2019**, original and one copy of the **EXTENSION OF TIME** in the above-entitled case were mailed, first class postage prepaid to:

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I further certify that all parties required to be served have been served.

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