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The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543-0001

Re: *Curtis Lovelace v. Illinois*, No. 18-809

Dear Mr. Harris:

This letter is sent as a request by respondent People of the State of Illinois for an extension of time to file a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case. Currently, the response is due on March 11, 2019. I request an extension of 30 days to file the response, until April 10, 2019.

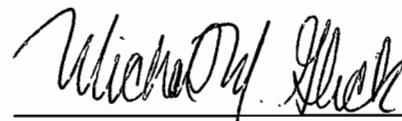
This extension is necessary for the assigned Assistant Attorney General, Michael Cebula, to complete his research on the issues presented by the petitioner and then draft a response. Neither Mr. Cebula nor any other attorney in the Attorney General's Office handled this matter in the underlying proceedings and, thus, Mr. Cebula needs additional time to familiarize himself with the history of the case and the issues presented before beginning to draft the response. In addition, Mr. Cebula is currently responsible for drafting appellant's reply brief in *People v. Custer*, No. 123339 (Ill. Sup. Ct.) (due April 2, 2019), and responses to habeas petitions in *Smith v. Kennedy*, No. 19 C 0027 (N.D. Ill) (due March 11, 2019) and *Sanders v. Miles*, No. 18 C 7121 (N.D. Ill) (due April 12, 2019), among other cases he is handling.

This is respondent's first request for an extension of time. It is not made for the purpose of delay, but solely to insure that respondent's interests are adequately protected.



Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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