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

RE: *Abelino Manriquez v. Ralph Diaz, Acting Secretary, California Department of  
Corrections and Rehabilitation*  
No. 18-937  
Request for Extension of Time to File Brief in Opposition to Petition for Writ of  
Certiorari

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent the respondent, Ralph Diaz, in the above-entitled case. The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on January 15, 2019. The brief in opposition to the petition is currently due on February 19, 2019. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, I respectfully request that the time for filing that brief be extended to Friday, April 19, 2019.

I am requesting additional time because I am currently drafting a responsive pleading in one previously assigned matter, *Pantchev v. Martel* (C.D. Cal. No. 17-2807-CJC (JC)), which is due on February 20, 2019, on a third thirty-day extension of time. My work on the *Pantchev* case was suspended because I was on vacation for the holidays from December 24, 2018, through January 4, 2019, and because I spent a significant amount of time preparing for a February 5, 2019, oral argument in the matter of *Knox v. Asuncion* (Ninth Cir. No. 16-56149), even though that matter was recently ordered submitted on the briefs without oral argument. In addition, I will be away from the office on previously scheduled time off on February 14 and 15, 2019. Once I complete the pleading in *Pantchev*, I will turn my attention to the above-entitled case. Absent unforeseen circumstances, I do not anticipate needing any time beyond April 19, 2019, to file the brief in opposition.


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On February 5, 2019, petitioner's counsel, Sujal J. Shah, advised me that he does not oppose this request.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the due date for the brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari be extended to April 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kimara A. Aarons".

KIMARA A. AARONS  
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**In the Supreme Court of the United States**

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ABELINO MANRIQUEZ, *Petitioner*,

v.

RALPH DIAZ, ACTING SECRETARY, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT  
OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, *Respondent*,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL**

I, Kimara A. Aarons, Deputy Attorney General, a member of the Bar of this Court, hereby certify that on **February 7, 2019**, a copy of the Request for Extension of Time to File Brief in Opposition to Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in the above-entitled case was 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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