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By Federal Express

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

RE: Request for extension of time in which to file response to petition
Alejandro E. Hernandez-Delgado v. California, No. 18-9665

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent respondent, the State of California, in the above-captioned case. On August 14, 2019, the Court requested a response to the petition for certiorari filed in this case and set a September 13 due date for that response. I write to respectfully request that the deadline for that response be extended by 31 days, to Monday, October 14, 2019.

The extension is requested because of a press of other work that would make it impossible to adequately prepare and complete the requested response by the existing due date. I have the primary responsibility for drafting and finalizing three responsive briefs in the California Courts of Appeal, all of which were assigned to me by the time this Court docketed this case. While I will do my best to obtain extensions of time in those cases in order to prioritize my response in this case, I cannot be certain that all will be granted, and at least one is due too soon to expect the respective Court of Appeal to timely review and grant the extension request.

I also need additional time because I was not involved in the state court litigation of petitioner's direct appeal. The response to the certiorari petition was reassigned to me due to the unavailability of the deputy who had litigated the appeal in state court. I was not reassigned the matter until August 27, however, which left me with approximately half the allotted time for drafting and filing a response. And given my unfamiliarity with this case, I need additional time to review the underlying record.

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Accordingly, I respectfully request that the existing due date for the State's response to the petition for certiorari be extended by 31 days to October 14, 2019. Thank you for your attention to this request, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



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In the Supreme Court of the United States

ALEJANDRO ERNESTO HERNANDEZ-DELGADO,
Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, *Respondent.*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I, Amit Kurlekar, Deputy Attorney General, a member of the Bar of this Court, hereby certify that on **September 3, 2019**, one copy of the **Letter to Hon. Scott S. Harris, Clerk, of the U.S. Supreme Court** 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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