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Mr. Scott Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543

RE: No. 18-99, *Barnes v. Gerhart et al.*,

Dear Mr. Harris:

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondents Joseph Gerhart et al. respectfully request a 30-day extension of their deadline to file a brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case.

Respondents' current filing deadline is October 19, 2018; with a 30-day extension, their new deadline would be November 19, 2018. Respondents have not previously requested or received any extensions of this deadline.

The requested extension is necessary because of the complexity of the issues involved, intervening deadlines in other cases on counsel's docket, including pleadings, discovery, and briefs due in *Ross v. Ross*, No. 18-1110 (Miss.), *Alford v. Freese & Goss*, No. 16-00026 (Miss.), *McRae Law Firm, PLLC v. Gilmer*, No. 17-412 (S.D. Miss.), and *Gonzalez v. Coastal Industrial Contractors, Inc.* (S.D. Miss.), and a trial in *McRae Law Firm, PLLC v. Gilmer*, 2016-1064 (Miss.).

Petitioner's counsel does not object to the extension.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

/s/Chuck McRae

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