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Hon. Scott S. Harris, Clerk Supreme Court of the United States One First Street NE Washington, D.C. 20543 sharris@supremecourt.gov

Re: Brnovich, et al., v. The Democratic National Committee, et al., No. 19-1257

Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to the Court's Order dated March 19, 2020, the State of Arizona and Mark Brnovich, in his official capacity as Arizona Attorney General, respectfully request that the distribution of the petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case be delayed by 14 days, until July 29, 2020 (summer list 13).

Petitioners need additional time to file a reply due to difficulties and dislocations relating to COVID-19. The COVID-19 situation is particularly acute in Arizona at this time. This has resulted in the Office of the Attorney General resetting to "phase zero" of its worksite-reporting plan in order to reduce, to the maximum extent possible, the number of employees reporting physically to the worksite. Further compounding this staffing disruption, petitioners have been unable to continue retention of outside counsel for the reply stage, as the Arizona State Legislature preemptively adjourned in light of COVID-19 without having first passed a full-scale budget for the next fiscal year. And these staffing disruptions come even as there has been an increase in COVID-19-related work for the Solicitor General's team.

Counsel for the several respondents have each consented to this request, which will have no effect on the conference at which the petition will be considered. Respondents filed briefs in opposition to certiorari yesterday, July 1, 2020. Absent extension, the petition is currently set for distribution on July 15, 2020, and consideration at the end-of-summer conference on September 29, 2020.

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