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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

October 9, 2019

Mr. Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Bentley v. Oklahoma*, No. 19-5417

Dear Mr. Harris,

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 15.3 and 30.4, undersigned counsel hereby requests an extension of time in which to respond to the petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case.

The petition was filed on July 25, 2019. On September 24, 2019, the Court requested a response to be filed by October 24, 2019. Undersigned counsel did not represent the State in the Court below and would benefit from additional time to become familiar with the facts, history, and law of this case, especially the history of the land status of the Citizen Potawatomie Nation. The petition raises questions similar to those pending in this Court's case, *Sharp v. Murphy*, No. 17-1107. Like *Murphy*, the petition questions Oklahoma's jurisdiction to prosecute crimes committed by Native Americans in Oklahoma. Unlike *Murphy*, this challenge is to Oklahoma's prosecutorial jurisdiction within the historical boundaries of an Oklahoma-based tribe outside the former Indian Territory. Tribes historically located outside the former Indian Territory do not have a shared history with the Creek Nation at issue in *Murphy*.

For these reasons, Respondent respectfully requests an additional thirty days, or until November 25, 2019, in which to file its response.

Respectfully,

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Mithun Mansinghani
Solicitor General
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cc: Petitioner