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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND FEDERAL EXPRESS**

The Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20543

Dear Mr. Harris:

RE: No. 19-600, docketed November 7, 2019, *Jon Krakauer v. State of Montana, and its Commissioner of Higher Education, Clayton T. Christian.*

Dear Mr. Harris:

On behalf of the State Respondents, I request a 30-day extension, to file a brief in opposition to the above referenced petition for certiorari. See Sup. Ct. R. 30. 4. There is good cause to grant the extension considering pressing deadlines, a preplanned out of state family vacation at Thanksgiving, and, most important, the need to consult with outside legal counsel who practice in the United States Supreme Court.

Accordingly, I respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension of time, until January 8, 2020 to file a brief in opposition to the Petition for Certiorari.

I thank you in advance for your time and attention in considering this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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