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

RE: *Ronald Johnson v. State of Missouri*
No. 19-7153

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to this Court's Order of March 19, 2020 related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Petitioner requests that this Court delay the distribution of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case for at least thirty days to allow Petitioner's counsel additional time to file a Reply. As of today's date, this case has not yet been docketed for distribution.

Undersigned counsel received Respondent's Brief in Opposition on Friday, March 27, 2020. Our statewide public defender offices are currently closed through at least April 17, 2020, due to public health concerns, and that date will likely be extended. All attorneys and support staff are working remotely from their homes. This has created a substantial hardship in accessing our computer networks and legal resources necessary for the prompt preparation of a Reply in this case.

Counsel for Respondent has no objection to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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