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

RE: *In re Gulbrandson*, No. 19-7393.

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to United States Supreme Court Rule 30(4), the State of Arizona respectfully requests a first, 30-day extension of time to file the Brief in Opposition to Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus in this case. The Brief in Opposition is currently due on February 24, 2020. The State of Arizona requests an extension of time to and including March 25, 2020. Gulbrandson's counsel, Timothy Gabrielsen, does not oppose this request.

Counsel of record is currently completing a lengthy answering brief for an attorney who is on medical leave, which brief must be filed in the Arizona Supreme Court on or before February 20, 2020. *See State v. Smith*, No. 18-0295. In the past weeks, counsel has completed and filed a supplemental brief in Pima County Superior Court, *State v. Martinez*, No. CR20031993 (filed January 30, 2020), and a response to a motion to recall the mandate in the Ninth Circuit, *Apelt v. Ryan*, No. 15-99013 (filed January 23, 2020). Counsel also must complete and file a reply to a response to a petition for review in the Arizona Supreme Court, *State v. Miller*, No. 19-0061-PC, by February 24, 2020, and a response to a petition for state post-conviction relief in Pima County Superior Court, *State v. Atwood*, Nos. CR-14065 & CR-15397, by February 27, 2020.

The affidavit of service of this letter is enclosed. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and your consideration.

Sincerely,

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