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VIA E-FILE

Scott S. Harris Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20543

Re: Old Republic Home Protection Company, Inc. vs. William B. Sparks, et al.

Case No. 20-237

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record for Respondents, William B. Sparks and Donna Sparks. I previously sent this letter via Federal Express, priority overnight delivery, for conventional filing on September 18, 2020. To date the filing is not appearing on the Court's docket. Counsel for Respondent is now registered to file pleadings with this Court electronically. As such, and out of an abundance of caution, Respondent submits the following Motion and request electronically.

The Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case was filed on August 25, 2020, and a response is due by September 28, 2020. Due to the significant disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic, and pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the rules of the Supreme Court and the Court's March 19, 2020 and April 15, 2020 Orders, Respondents respectfully request an extension of time to and including October 28, 2020, to file their Response to the Petition. Respondents' counsel would note that one of his partners recently was hospitalized for 9 days with COVID-19 and is still out recovering, and this has resulted in the remainder of the partners, including the partners handling this Response, having an extra burden and load. Counsel for Respondent has communicated with counsel for Petitioners, who does not object to this request.

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OLD REPUBLIC HOME PROTECTION COMPANY, INC.,

Appellant

vs.

WILLIAM B. SPARKS, et al.,

Appellees.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, R. Ryan Deligans, counsel for Appellees, hereby certify that on this 19th day of September, 2020, I caused Appellees' motion for extension of time to file the response to petition for certiorari to be served on the following via email by agreement of the parties:

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