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

RE: *Johnson v. California*, Case No. 20-5085  
Request for 2nd Extension of Time

Dear Mr. Harris:

This office represents respondent State of California in the above-captioned case. The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on July 10, 2020. Respondent has previously received one 30-day extension for its response to the petition, and the response is currently due on September 16, 2020. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response to the petition be extended by thirty days, up to and including Friday, October 16, 2020. A member of primary counsel's immediate family suffered a significant illness during the last month. In addition, the drafting and review process has taken additional time because attorneys and support staff are primarily working remotely, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Counsel for petitioner does not oppose the extension request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa Lipon

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