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**VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Scott Harris  
Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street NE  
Washington DC 20543

RE: *Sgt. Gary Hedger, et al v Ronald Graves*  
Case No. 20-578

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel for respondents in the above-reference case. On October 19, 2020 a certiorari petition was docketed in this case. On January 8, 2021 I was notified that the Court requested a response. Unless extended by the Court, the response is due on February 8, 2021. For the reasons that follow, and pursuant to Rule 30.4, I respectfully request an extension of 30 days, to and including March 10, 2021.

I have several pressing obligations during these coming weeks, including in *Carthens, Pamela Williams, et al v FCA*, with JAMS, Case No. 1345001386 and class action *Beverly Zimmerman, et al v The 3M Company, et al* USDC, Western District Case No. 17-1062. An extension will allow me to meet these obligations and also to file a response that adequately addresses the points raised in the petition.

Although I am not currently a member of the Supreme Court bar, I recognize that the brief in opposition must and will be filed by a member of the Bar.

For these reasons, I ask that a 30-day extension be granted. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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