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One First Street, NE
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RE: *Donald Mitchell Tedford v. Pennsylvania*
Case No. 20-5795 (Capital Case)

Dear Mr. Harris:

By this letter and pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondent, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is respectfully requesting an unopposed extension of 45 days' time in which to file its brief in opposition to the petition for writ of *certiorari* in this capital case, from October 26, 2020 to December 10, 2020.

On September 16, 2020, Petitioner Donald Tedford filed his petition for writ of *certiorari* with the Court. The petition was docketed on September 24, 2020. Pursuant to Rule 15.3, the Respondent's brief in opposition is presently due to be filed on or before October 26, 2020.

Although undersigned counsel has begun preparation of Respondent's brief in opposition, he requires additional time beyond October 26, 2020 due to challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Specifically, undersigned counsel has experienced periodic difficulty accessing Westlaw working from home via his office desktop computer. In addition, undersigned counsel has two school-aged children who attend school remotely due to the pandemic and require supervision and assistance.

In light of these circumstances, Respondent respectfully requests the Court to find good cause to extend the filing deadline for its brief in opposition to the petition for writ of *certiorari* by 45 days until December 10, 2020. Undersigned counsel has communicated with counsel for the Petitioner, Adam Cogan, Esquire and Attorney Cogan has graciously indicated that he and his client do not oppose this request for an extension of time.

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Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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