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RE: Lee v. Garlick, 21-637 Respondent's Request for Extension of 30 Days to File BIO

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

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent Respondent James Garlick in the above-captioned case. Respondent respectfully requests an extension of 30 days in which to file his brief in opposition ("BIO") to the petition for writ of certiorari, challenging the Second Circuit's decision in *Garlick v. Lee*, 1 F.4th 122 (2d Cir. 2021).

Respondent's BIO is due on December 1, 2021. Granting this extension would make it due on December 31, 2021. Respondent is represented by the Center for Appellate Litigation, a public-defense law firm representing indigent defendants convicted in New York County and Bronx County Supreme Court.

The undersigned's current case load justifies this request for an extension of time. Undersigned counsel has been assigned to numerous appeals of felony convictions and must file briefs and/or post-conviction motions in those matters in the Appellate Division First Department or trial courts. Undersigned anticipates he will be filing at least four briefs and/or motions in these matters within the next 45 days. Additionally, undersigned counsel has a deadline of December 3, 2021 to file a brief in the Second Circuit appealing the denial of a joint petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed on behalf of 18 incarcerated individuals seeking temporary release in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The time requested is necessary to ensure that Respondent can cogently answer the State's petition, which seeks a writ of certiorari on three questions.

Sincerely,

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