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The Honorable Scott Harris  
Clerk, United States Supreme Court  
Office of the Clerk  
1 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Murray Hooper v. David Shinn*;  
U.S. Supreme Court No. 21-6593

Dear Mr. Harris:

On December 10, 2021, Petitioner Murray Hooper filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this capital case. The State of Arizona's Response is currently due January 14, 2022. Under this Court's Rules 15.3 and 30.4, the State respectfully requests an extension of 30 days, to and including Monday, February 13, 2022, to file a Brief in Opposition. Jean-Claude Andre, counsel of record for Petitioner Hooper, has indicated that he has no objection to the requested 30-day extension. The extension is necessary due to undersigned counsel's responsibilities as Acting Chief Counsel for the Arizona Attorney General Office's Capital Litigation Section as well as preparing an answering brief in a capital habeas matter, *Hampton v. Shinn*, Ninth Circuit No. 19-99005 (brief to be filed no later than January 19, 2022) and preparing Briefs in Opposition in *Cruz v. State of Arizona*, No. 21-846, and *Burns et al. v. State of Arizona*, No. 21-847. Additionally, undersigned counsel was out of the office for several days during the holidays in late December.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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