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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: *Johnathan Ian Burns, et al. v. State of Arizona*;
U.S. Supreme Court No. 21-847

Dear Mr. Harris:

On November 22, 2021, Petitioners Johnathan Ian Burns et al. filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this non-capital criminal matter. The State of Arizona's Response is currently due January 6, 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 8, 2022, to file a Brief in Opposition. Undersigned counsel has contacted Mr. Neal Katyal, counsel of record for Petitioners, and he 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, and preparing a Brief in Opposition in a related capital case, *Cruz v. State of Arizona*, Supreme Court No. 21-847. Additionally, undersigned counsel will be out of the office for several days in late December.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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