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

Re: Case No. 142, Original, State of Florida v. State of Georgia

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Rule 30.4, we are writing to request a two-week extension to file an amicus brief on behalf of our clients, National Audubon Society, Defenders of Wildlife, Florida Wildlife Federation, and Apalachicola Riverkeeper in support of the State of Florida. Lead counsel of record for both the State of Florida and the State of Georgia have indicated that they do not oppose this request.

We request this extension in light of the unanticipated and unprecedented circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Both the UC Irvine and Stanford environmental law clinics are teaching clinics that rely on law student practitioners to draft briefs pro bono on behalf of clients. We have only recently had discussions with clients about the potential for filing another amicus brief in this matter, and our students have only recently started working on such a brief. Working with law students to draft and polish briefs is always a time-consuming and labor-intensive process, but it has become especially challenging since our law schools went entirely online in mid-March and we are now working remotely with all of our students, each of whom is in a different location.

Pursuant to the Court's scheduling order, the State of Florida filed its brief on April 13, 2020, and the State of Georgia will file its brief by June 12, 2020. Under the normal rules, an amicus brief in support of the State of Florida would be due next Monday, April 20, 2020. If our requested extension is granted, the amicus brief would be due on May 4, 2020.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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