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

RE: *Quinn, et al. v. State of Washington, et al.*, No. 23-171

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record for Respondent State of Washington in the above-captioned case. The Court has called for a response to the cert petition and set the deadline for the State's Brief In Opposition as October 16, 2023.

Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Washington requests an 18-day extension to file a brief in opposition, to November 3, 2023. Counsel for petitioners and intervenors do not object to the extension.

This request for additional time is made to accommodate other concurrent deadlines, including briefing before this Court in *CLA Estate Services, Inc. v. Washington*, No. 23-29. The State's brief in opposition in *CLA Estate Services* is currently due on October 2, 2023, and the State will be seeking an extension to November 16, 2023. The State's small team of attorneys that work on U.S. Supreme Court matters will be extremely busy with that case, as well as supervising and drafting briefing in several cases at the Washington Supreme Court during the next few months. Our brief in opposition in this case will also require additional time to respond to the anticipated amicus briefs supporting the petition.

We do not believe that the extension will unduly delay consideration of the petition by the Court. We also respectfully submit that the requested extension will allow sufficient time for our office to provide a more thorough and helpful response to the Court.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Peter B. Gonick

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cc: Erin E. Murphy, *Counsel for Petitioners*
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