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

RE: *CLA Estate Services, Inc. v. Washington*, No. 23-29

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 2, 2023.

Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Washington requests a 45-day extension to file a brief in opposition, to November 16, 2023. Counsel for petitioners do not object to the extension.

This request for additional time is made to accommodate other concurrent deadlines, including briefing before this Court in *Quinn v. Washington*, No. 23-171. The State's brief in opposition in *Quinn* is currently due October 16, 2023, and the State will be seeking an extension to November 3, 2023. The State's small team of attorneys that work on U.S. Supreme Court matters will be extremely busy with that case, in addition to their regular duties of supervising our offices' appellate practice, providing client advice, and various other matters. My co-counsel in this case and primary counsel below, Cynthia Alexander, will also be briefing and arguing a pending case in the Washington Supreme Court, *Assurance Wireless, U.S.A., LP v. Washington Department of Revenue*, No. 101873-8, with oral argument scheduled October 26, 2023.

We do not believe that the extension will unduly delay consideration of the petition by the Court. We respectfully submit that the requested extension will allow sufficient time for our office to provide a more thorough and helpful response to the Court, and provide time to respond to the already filed and anticipated amicus briefs supporting the petition.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Peter B. Gonick

Peter Gonick
Deputy Solicitor General

cc: Carter Phillips, *Counsel for Petitioners*