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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Hon. Scott. S. Harris Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the United States One First Street, NE Washington DC 20543-0001

Re: Carlos Guardado v. Massachusetts, No. 23-886

Dear Clerk Harris:

The Respondent has been asked by the Court to file a brief in response to the petition for certiorari by April 25, 2024. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 15.3, 30.2, and 30.4, I respectfully request that the Respondent's deadline be extended by thirty-three days, to May 28, 2024. My request is based on the nature of the matter, the need for thorough review within the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, and the extent of my own professional commitments. Counsel for the Petitioner has consented to the extension.

The underlying state-court proceedings were not handled by me or by anyone in my office, but by a district attorney's office. Thus, becoming acquainted with all aspects of the proceedings will require a significant amount of time. Moreover, a Court-requested brief in response to a certiorari petition is rightfully given close scrutiny in my office. The brief in this case will be subjected to multiple rounds of thorough evaluation and revision by various attorneys at different levels. And while I will give this matter top priority, I am also responsible for handling a number of other matters as well.

For the foregoing reasons, a thirty-three-day extension, to May 28, 2024, will enable my office to provide the Court with more thorough and helpful briefing. It will not prejudice any party. On behalf of the Respondent, I request that such an extension be allowed.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Anna Lumelsky\_\_\_\_\_

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 29.3 and 29.5, I hereby certify that, on the date set forth below, a true copy of the accompanying document was served upon all parties required to be served. Specifically, a copy was served through the United States Postal Service by first class mail, postage pre-paid, as well as by electronic mail. Service was directed to the Counsel of Record for the one other party to the case:

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Dated: April 4, 2024