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Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First St., NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Tavares v. Whitehouse, et al*, No. 17-429

Dear Mr. Harris,

I write on behalf of Respondents Gene Whitehouse, Calvin Moman, Brenda Adams, John Williams, and Danny Rey, in their official capacities as members of the Tribal Council of the United Auburn Indian Community, to respectfully request an extension of time to respond to the petition for certiorari filed in this matter. Respondents' brief in opposition to certiorari is presently due on December 18, 2017. We respectfully request an extension of time through and including Friday, February 16, 2018 to file this brief.

We seek the requested extension because I have a number of depositions and hearings in other matters between now and December 18, which will demand significant time and attention. In addition, my office received the Court's letter requesting a brief in opposition on November 21, 2017, shortly before Thanksgiving. Our office was closed from mid-day on November 22 through November 26, reducing the time we have had available to address the Court's request. An extension will allow me to meet the obligations of my other clients, while also filing a response that adequately addresses the points raised in the petition for certiorari.

Further, we seek a 60-day extension because we are in the process of retaining an experienced Supreme Court practitioner to assist in the representation of our clients. While that retention is in process, it is not yet complete.

We have conferred with opposing counsel about this request and have been informed by Michael A. Scodro, counsel for Petitioners, that Petitioners do not object to Respondents' request for a 60-day extension.

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Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Very truly yours,

KEKER, VAN NEST & PETERS LLP

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cc: Andrew W. Stroud
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