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

Re: Application for Extension of Time to File Response to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in Guy T. LeGrande v. Daniel P. O'Brien, No. 17-6182

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record for the State of North Carolina in Guy T. LeGrande v. Daniel P. O'Brien, No. 17-6182. This Court had this day contacted Daniel P. O'Brien, Special Deputy Attorney General, by voicemail, notifying him that an earlier waiver he filed was ineffective and requesting a response to the petition for writ of certiorari filed in this case.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30(4), the State of North Carolina respectfully requests an extension of thirty days from this day until December 20, 2017 to file its response. The undersigned was assigned to this case as of today, and had no prior awareness of it. The undersigned is unable to prepare a response in the time required due to the press of other matters including a brief due to be filed in the North Carolina Supreme Court after the Thanksgiving holiday, a brief involving complex wire-tapping issues to be filed with the North Carolina Court of Appeals two weeks later, and an appeal of a capitally-tried murder case resulting in a life sentence in the North Carolina Court of Appeals, as well as the Thanksgiving holiday. In addition, as the filing is one made by a pro se petitioner, it may be difficult obtaining information related to petitioner's earlier filings in both the trial court and our appellate courts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

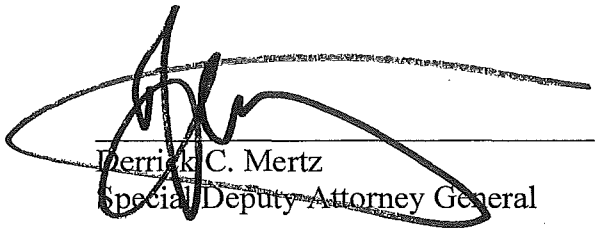
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Derrick C. Mertz, Special Deputy Attorney General for the State of North Carolina and a member of the bar of this Court, hereby certify that on 21 November 2017 a copy of the State of North Carolina's LETTER OF APPLICATION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI, was served on the Petitioner, Guy T. LeGrande, 4285 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4285 by first class mail, postage prepaid. I further certify that all parties required to be served have been served.

This the 21st day of November, 2017.



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