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The Honorable Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company v. Monroe, No. 17-675

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petitioner, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, after obtaining a 60-day extension of time, filed its petition for a writ of certiorari on November 7, 2017, which was placed on this Court's docket that same day. The response of the respondent, Florence Monroe, is presently due on December 7, 2017.

The respondent respectfully requests, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, an extension of 60 days, through and including February 5, 2018, within which to file her response. This request for an extension of time is necessary because of the heavy press of cases and associated deadlines assigned to the attorneys responsible for preparing the respondent's response.

Counsel for the respondent asked counsel for the petitioner whether the petitioner had any objection to the relief requested herein. Counsel for the petitioner did not respond. However, in its petition, the petitioner requested that this Court "hold this petition pending the resolution of the petition for a writ of certiorari in [R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. v.] *Graham*," No. 17-415, (Cert. Pet. at 17), and dispose of this case in a manner consistent with the Court's resolution in *Graham*, (*id.* at 1). Accordingly, granting the extension will not prejudice the petitioner or delay the Court's consideration of the petition or ultimate disposition of this case.

For the foregoing reasons, the respondent respectfully requests an extension of 60 days, through and including February 5, 2018, within which to file her response.

Sincerely



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