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Scott F. Harris, Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543

Re: RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co. v. Jan Grossman, Case No. 17-791

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent, Jan Grossman, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Laura Grossman, hereby requests that the time within which to respond to the petition for certiorari in the above-entitled case be extended thirty (30) days, to and including January 28, 2018. The petition for certiorari was docketed on November 29, 2017; the brief in opposition is currently due December 29, 2017. Petitioner, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, has been contacted and has no objection to an extension to January 28, 2017. There will be no prejudice to petitioner as a result of an extension.

The extension requested is necessary because the petition is based in part on this Court's decision in a separate petition, *R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. v. Graham*, No. 17-415, and the Court's decision in that case will not be known until January 9, 2018. As is reflected in the petition in this case, Petitioner acknowledges that if the Court denies the petition in *Graham* then the petition in this case should be denied as well and even if the petition in *Graham* is accepted the Petition in this case should be denied. Respondent did not know when *Graham* would be decided because the conference date for that case was not docketed until December 20, 2017.

Respondent therefore respectfully requests a 30-day extension to and including January 28, 2018 in which to file the Brief in Opposition to Certiorari.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bard D. Rockenbach', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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