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Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: Arnold Fleck v. Joe Wetch, et al, Case No. 17-886
Request for Time Extension under Sup. Ct. R. 30.4

Dear Clerk:

This office represents respondents Joe Wetch, (former) President of the State Bar Association of North Dakota; Aubrey Fiebelkorn-Zuger, Secretary and Treasurer of the State Bar Association of North Dakota; and Tony Weiler, Executive Director of the State Bar Association of North Dakota, in their official capacities, in the above-referenced matter. We do not represent respondent Penny Miller, Secretary-Treasurer of the State Board of Law Examiners, in her official capacity, who is separately represented by the North Dakota Attorney General's office.

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of time for the filing of responses to the *Petition for Writ of Certiorari* filed by petitioner Arnold Fleck, and amicus briefs filed in support thereof. Respondents previously waived their response to the petition. The Court has requested a response. Two motions for leave to file amicus briefs have been filed in support of the petition. The current deadline for responses established by the Court is April 11, 2018. We are requesting the deadline for responses be extended 29 days to May 10, 2018. We request this extension apply to all respondents, and to any other entity or person who may wish to file an *amicus* brief in support of any respondent.

The reason for this extension request is due to the undersigned's general unavailability to work on this matter prior to April 11, 2018. The undersigned will be engaged in oral argument before the North Dakota Supreme Court and depositions the week of March 19, and has numerous other conflicts, including out of state depositions, briefs due, and other deadlines to meet. In addition, input in regards to our response will be required by our clients, many of whom have extremely busy schedules and are also scheduled to be out of state during critical

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time periods. Thus, we would greatly appreciate the requested extension, and as indicated, the request is not made for any purpose of delay.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall J. Bakke", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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