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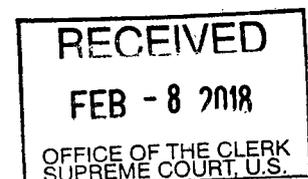
Re: Lamps Plus, Inc., et al. v. Frank Varela, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated, Lamps Plus Centennial, Inc., Lamps Plus Holdings, Inc., Application No. 17A577 (Case No. 16-56085)

To: Scott S. Harris, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States:

Frank Varela, Respondent, respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days to file a brief in opposition to the petition for certiorari filed by Lamps Plus, Inc., Lamps Plus Centennial, Inc., Lamps Plus Holdings, Inc., Petitioners herein.

The petition for certiorari was served on Michele M. Vercoski, of McCune Wright Arevalo, counsel for Respondent, on January 10, 2018. Pursuant to Rule 15.3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, the brief in opposition thereto is required to be filed on February 12, 2018, unless the time for filing said brief is extended. For the reasons that follow, and pursuant to Rule 30.4, I respectfully request an extension of 30 days, to and including March 14, 2018.

The grounds for the extension as herein requested are as follows: I, Michele M. Vercoski, at all times herein mentioned has primary responsibility for preparing the opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari and has been the lead attorney representing Frank Varela in this proceeding and responsible for all briefing to date. Although multiple firms are associated in this matter, they are unfamiliar with the briefing to date in this case and no other attorney has been employed and retained by Frank Varela in this proceeding; and consequently, no other attorney has been available to prepare and complete said Opposition to Petitioners' Writ of Certiorari. I am contemplating engaging the assistance of additional counsel for the preparation of the brief in opposition, and any such counsel, if retained, would require time to familiarize him or herself with the case. In addition, undersigned counsel has responsibility for a number of other matters in other courts with proximate due dates. Finally, undersigned counsel was set and did travel on a pre-paid family vacation and was out of the office from January 19, 2018 through January 28, 2018.



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For the foregoing reasons, the application for a 30-day extension, to and including March 14, 2018, within which to file an opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this case should be granted.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

McCUNE WRIGHT AREVALO, LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele M. Vercoski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michele M. Vercoski

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