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**In the Supreme Court of the United States**

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT, PETITIONER,

v.

MICHAEL SKAKEL, RESPONDENT

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To the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Second Circuit:

**APPLICATION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR WRIT OF  
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TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

Pursuant to Rule 13.5, Petitioner-State of Connecticut requests an extension of time of one week, to and including August 9, 2018, to file its petition for writ of certiorari in this Court. In support of this application, petitioner states as follows:

1. The Connecticut Supreme Court entered judgment on May 4, 2018 (*Skakel v. Commissioner of Correction*, 329 Conn. 1, \_\_\_ A.3d \_\_\_ (2018)) which superseded an earlier judgement entered December 30, 2016 (*Skakel v. Commissioner of Correction*, 325 Conn. 426, 159 A.3d 109 (2016)). By operation of Rule 13.1, petitioner's certiorari petition is currently due on or before August 2, 2018.

2. A copy of the Connecticut Supreme Court majority's final opinion is attached hereto. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1254.

3. The case presents an important question regarding the standard for assessing counsel's representation when evaluating claims of ineffective assistance under the Sixth Amendment, as interpreted in *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668 (1984).

4. This request is necessary because problems with our internal computer system have delayed Petitioner's ability to forward the necessary Appendix materials to the printing company in time for that company to meet the current filing deadline. The state court opinions that must be included in the Appendix are unusually lengthy, consisting of many hundreds of pages that likely will require a three-volume appendix. Although every effort was made to have these materials ready for forwarding to the printing company in time meet the current August 2nd filing deadline, the unforeseen problem with our internal computer system inexplicably changed the formatting of the appendix materials. This has required corrections that have to be done manually, which rendered it impossible for this office to comply with the printing company's own deadline for an appendix of that size. Petitioner believes that a one week extension will provide sufficient time to insure that all of the problems will be corrected and have the petition and appendix printed in time for filing by August 9th.


5. I have been informed that counsel for Respondent does not object to this application.

WHEREFORE, petitioners respectfully request that the time to file their petition for writ of certiorari be extended by one week, from August 2, 2018, to and including August 9, 2018.

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Respectfully submitted,

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