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Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20543

RE: *The Colorado Independent v. District Court for the Eighteenth Judicial District of Colorado*, No. 18-404 -- Application to Extend Time to Submit Brief in Opposition to Petition for Writ of Certiorari

Dear Mr. Harris:

This office represents the Respondent, the District Court for the Eighteenth Judicial District of Colorado, in the above-captioned case. On November 1, 2018, the Court requested that the Respondent submit a response to the petition for writ of certiorari no later than December 3, 2018. Pursuant to U.S. Supreme Court Rule 30.4, I am writing to request a 60-day extension of time, through and including February 1, 2019, within which to submit the requested response.

This extension of time is necessary because: (1) the petition, the brief of Sir Mario Owens, and the four amicus briefs filed in support of the petition raise complex legal and historical questions that were not previously briefed by the parties below; (2) a shorter extension would require the response to be filed shortly after the New Year's holiday, making coordination and submission of the brief logistically difficult; and (3) undersigned counsel is currently immersed in federal and state litigation with several upcoming discovery and pleading deadlines.

Pursuant to U.S. Supreme Court Rule 29, enclosed is a separate proof of service evidencing service of this letter on all counsel of record. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Enclosure

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