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

Via electronic submission & FedEx Overnight

Re: *GlaxoSmithKline LLC v. Louisiana*; No. 18-42

Dear Mr. Harris,

The Louisiana Attorney General, on behalf of the State of Louisiana, respectfully requests an additional thirty (30) days from November 9, 2018 to file an opposition to the certiorari petition in this matter. The parties scheduled a mediation with a private mediator, which took place September 17, 2018. The case did not settle that day but the discussions were encouraging. The next day the State trial court judge held a status conference and ordered a court-mediated settlement conference, which is now scheduled for November 9, 2018, in Dallas, Texas. The cert petition presents a question of sovereign immunity that could have significant implications for all of the states. The State however, has limited personnel and resources and has additional matters pending before this Court. In the interest of preserving both State and federal resources, the State is requesting an extension of time of 30 days from the day of the scheduled mediation. The new deadline would be approximately 60 days from the current due date.

Counsel of record for GlaxoSmithKline, LLC would only consent to a one-week extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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