

December 12, 2018

Mr. Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Utah Republican Party v. Cox et al.*, No. 18-450

Dear Mr. Harris:

On behalf of Respondent Utah Democratic Party (“UDP”) I respectfully request a 30-day extension of time to and including February 2, 2019, within which to file UDP’s brief in opposition in this case. *See* S. Ct. R. 30.4. The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on October 9, 2018, after petitioner received an unopposed 30-day extension of its petition deadline. The Court requested a response on December 4, 2018, making UDP’s current deadline January 3, 2019. If granted, this would be UDP’s first extension.

This extension is requested for two principal reason. First, seven different *amici curiae* filed briefs in support of the petition. The cumulative word count of those seven briefs is 31,972 words—more than 3.5 times the 9,000-word limit for a petition. Counsel needs the additional time to adequately review those briefs and the petition before preparing the Lieutenant Governor’s response.

Second, the extension is necessary to allow counsel to conduct that review contemporaneously with their other professional commitments and their previously scheduled personal commitments during the holiday season.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please contact me should you need additional information.

Very truly yours

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