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

RE: *Roger W. Murray v. Charles L. Ryan*, No. 18-5271

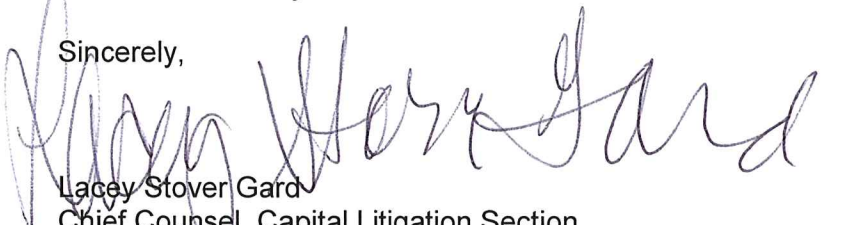
Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to United States Supreme Court Rule 30(4), the State of Arizona respectfully requests a first 30-day extension of time to file the Brief in Opposition to Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case. The Brief in Opposition is currently due on August 17, 2018. The State of Arizona requests an extension of time to and including September 17, 2018. Murray's counsel, John Charland, does not oppose this extension.

The extension is requested due to undersigned counsel's medical issues and her involvement in pending matters in other capital cases. Counsel has missed several full and partial days this week due to painful eye injuries. Counsel is also in the process of completing an answering brief in *State v. Thomas Riley*, No. CR-15-0411-AP, which is due in the Arizona Supreme Court on August 13, 2018. In addition, counsel has been occupied with a response to a lengthy capital habeas petition in *Darrel Pandeli v. Charles Ryan*, No. CV-17-01657-PHX-JJT, which is currently due in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona on August 17, 2018; however, counsel has requested an extension until September 7, 2018.

The affidavit of service of this letter is enclosed. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and your consideration.

Sincerely,



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