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

Re: *R.J. Reynolds Company v. Cheryl Searcy*, No. 18-649

Dear Mr. Harris:

I will be serving as counsel of record for Respondent in the above-captioned matter. I ask to be designated as such for all Court matters in this case.

The Response is currently due on December 20, 2018. Pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, I request a 33-day extension until January 22, 2019 for the filing of the Response. (The customary 30-day extension falls on a Saturday before the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.) Counsel for Petitioner has graciously consented to this extension.

The current deadline falls when counsel have other court obligations already scheduled. In addition, this is one of a number of Petitions that have been filed in related tobacco cases coming from Florida state courts and the Eleventh Circuit. In many of these cases, there have been amicus briefs filed on behalf of the Petitioner. Based on prior experience, Respondent anticipates that there may be at least one amicus filing in support of the Petition. Without an extension, Respondent will not have the opportunity to respond to arguments raised by amicus or amici.

Respondent prevailed at trial, but no judgment has been executed. Accordingly, no party will be prejudiced by an extension of time until January 22, 2019 for the filing of the Brief in Opposition.

Sincerely,



Samuel Issacharoff

Cc: Miguel Estrada