

## STATE OF IDAHO

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL LAWRENCE G. WASDEN December 14, 2018

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

> Re: Erick Hall v. Idaho, #18-679

Dear Mr. Harris:

By way of this letter, the Respondent, State of Idaho, hereby requests a sixty (60) day extension of time in which to file its brief in opposition to petition for writ of certiorari. Respondent's current due date is December 24, 2018.

The extension is necessary because I have had insufficient time to review, research and draft an appropriate response due to deadlines in other cases. Specifically, since Petitioner's Petition for Certiorari was filed on November 20, 2018, I have prepared for and presented oral argument in Pizzuto v. Blades, a capital case pending before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. I have also been drafting an answering brief in Creech v. Ramirez, another capital case pending before the Ninth Circuit. More importantly, I am scheduled to have major surgery on December 17, 2018, and have been advised by my doctors that it will be approximately four to six weeks before I can return to work.

I contacted Charles Rothfeld, counsel for Petitioner Erick Hall, who stated he has no objection to Respondent's request for additional time to file its brief in opposition to petition for writ of certiorari.

Sincerely

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