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Hon. Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543

RE: Request for extension of time to file response to petition
Ivan Pena et al. v. Martin Horan, Director, Cal. Dep't of Justice Bureau of Firearms,
S. Ct. No. 18-843

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel for the respondent in this case. Petitioners filed their petition for a writ of certiorari on December 28, 2018. According to the online docket and pursuant to Rule 15.3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, a response is currently due on February 4, 2018. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response be extended by 30 days, up to and including March 6, 2018.

This is respondent's first request for an extension of time to file a response. Good cause exists for the requested extension. I was not involved in this case in the district court or Court of Appeals, and thus require sufficient time to familiarize myself with the relevant legal issues and record. Apart from this case, I represent the State of California in several other matters that will require me to devote substantial amounts of time between now and February 4. Additionally, the response must be reviewed by multiple attorneys within the California Department of Justice, including attorneys in the Civil Division and the Office of the Solicitor General. An extension of time would better enable preparation of a response that would be most helpful to the Court.

Accordingly, respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response to the petition for writ of certiorari be extended by 30 days, up to and including March 6, 2018. Counsel for the petitioners, Alan Gura, has informed me by email that petitioners consent to this request.

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Sincerely,



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