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The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543-0001

Re: *Austin v. Illinois*, No. 19-1029

Dear Mr. Harris:

This letter is sent as a request by respondent Illinois for an extension of time to file a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case. Currently, the response is due on May 4, 2020. I request an extension of 60 days to file the response, until July 3, 2020.

I request this extension because the COVID-19 outbreak has had a significant impact on the work of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. The attorneys in our office have spent substantial time in recent weeks addressing legal filings as well as logistical challenges posed by changes to work conditions and determining how the office can continue to provide essential services for the People of the State of Illinois. None of the division's support staff has been required to work (remotely or otherwise) since March 16, 2020, and most attorneys have worked remotely since that same date. The lack of support staff and limited access to the office has made it difficult to access records and pleadings in all of our ongoing litigation. Additionally, the productivity of many of our attorneys has been impacted for the foreseeable future by the unavoidable fact that they are working from home full time while supervising children due to school closures that began on March 12th and are scheduled to continue for the remainder of the school year. Illinois's statewide shelter-in-place order has now been extended through May 30, 2020.

In addition, the assistant attorney general assigned to draft Illinois's brief in opposition in this case has primary responsibility for the following additional matters:



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- Answer in *Romero v. Varga*, No. 19 C 4991, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois;
- Answer in *Smith v. Pfister*, No. 19 C 6591, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois;
- Appellee's brief in *People v. Reveles-Cordova*, No. 124797, Illinois Supreme Court;
- Oral argument in response to motion to declare statute unconstitutional in *People v. Leifheit* No. 19 CF 301, Circuit Court of Kendall County, Illinois; and
- Oral argument in response to motion to declare statute unconstitutional in *People v. Reinking*, No. 19 CF 145, Circuit Court of Tazewell County, Illinois.

This is respondent's first request for an extension of time. It is not made for the purpose of delay, but to insure that respondent's interests are fully protected.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael M. Glick".

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