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

RE: *Adnan Syed v. Maryland*, No. 19-227
Request for Extension

Dear Mr. Harris:

Please enter the appearance of undersigned counsel as Counsel of Record for Respondent, the State of Maryland. The State of Maryland, by and through undersigned counsel, pursuant to U.S. Sup. Ct. R. 30.4, respectfully requests an extension of time within which to file the brief in opposition to petition for writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case through and including October 21, 2019.

Adnan Syed's petition for writ of certiorari was docketed in this Court on August 21, 2019. The brief in opposition to petition for writ of certiorari is currently due September 20, 2019. An extension of this deadline is necessary based on undersigned counsel's vacation plans and existing workload. Counsel was on a planned vacation from August 26, 2019 through August 30, 2019. Between the date Mr. Syed's petition was filed and the existing deadline for Maryland's brief in opposition, undersigned counsel is arguing in the Maryland Court of Appeals in *Daniel Greene v. State of Maryland*, No. 7, Sept. Term, 2019, and in the Maryland Court of Special Appeals in *State of Maryland v. Derrick Rucker*, No. 2824, Sept. Term, 2018, and *Latoya Bonte Elzey v. State of Maryland*, No. 1131, Sept. Term, 2018. Counsel is also filing the brief of Respondent in the Maryland Court of Appeals in *Elijah Peterson v. State of Maryland*, No. 14, Sept. Term, 2019, and the brief of Appellee in the cases of *Nathaniel Appleby-el v. State of*

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Maryland, No. 801, Sept. Term, 2018, and *Richard Pinheiro v. State of Maryland*, No. 3009, Sept. Term, 2018. For these reasons, undersigned counsel respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time in which to file the brief in opposition to petition for writ of certiorari in *Adnan Syed v. Maryland*, No. 19-227, through and including Monday, October 21, 2019.¹

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The 30th day is Sunday, October 20, 2019. Pursuant to Rule 30.1, Respondent has extended the deadline through “the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, federal legal holiday, or day in which the Court building is closed.” U.S. Sup. Ct. R. 30.1.