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

Re: *Shaniz West v. Doug Winfield, et al.*, No. 19-899

Dear Mr. Harris:

Along with co-counsel, I am responsible for preparing a response to the Petition for Writ of *Certiorari* in the matter referenced above.

Pursuant to Rules 15.3 and 30.4, Respondents request that the time to file a brief in opposition to the Petition for a Writ of *Certiorari* be extended by 30 days. The case was docketed on January 21, 2020. Consequently, the brief in opposition must currently be filed by February 20, 2020. The new requested filing date would thus be March 23, 2020, taking account of Rule 30.1. This is the Respondents' first request for an extension of time.

Respondents recently retained this firm and co-counsel to prepare a brief in opposition to the Petition. In light of multiple professional commitments predating retention in this case, including preparing Petitions for Writs of *Certiorari* in *Winters, et al., v. Palowsky, et al.*, filed on February 3, 2020, and *Kyle Brooks v. Colorado*, due on February 20, 2020, as well as preparing three briefs to be filed in confidential arbitration proceedings and other commitments, undersigned counsel requires additional time to review the record, research the legal issues, and prepare the brief in opposition. An extension of thirty days is reasonably necessary for the Respondents to prepare an adequate response. Accordingly, counsel requests the extension of time specified above.

As indicated by the enclosed certificate of service, we have concurrently served a copy of this letter upon counsel for the Petitioner. In addition to sending the original overnight to the Court, we have also electronically filed a copy of this letter.

Thank you for your courtesy and prompt consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Richard A. Simpson
Counsel of Record