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United States District Court  
Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ESEQUIEL "PAUL" GARCIA,  
Petitioner,

v.

NEIL MCDOWELL, Warden,  
Respondent.

Case No. 16-cv-5301 BLF (PR)

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE  
REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO  
MOTION TO COMPEL**

(Docket No. 51)

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, filed a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, challenging his state conviction. On April 9, 2020, Petitioner filed a motion to compel. Dkt. No. 44. Respondent filed an opposition to the motion on April 23, 2020. Dkt. No. 50.

On April 30, 2020, a motion for extension of time to file a reply to Respondent's opposition was filed. Dkt. No. 51. The Court notes that although the motion appears to have been initialed by Petitioner, id. at 6, it was actually filed by a non-party, Maria Consuelo Garcia, who signed the attached proof of service. Id. at 9. Petitioner is advised that a non-party may not file matters on his behalf, especially since he is proceeding pro se in this matter. In light of the extenuating circumstances at this time precipitated by the


1 covid-19 pandemic, the Court will accept this filing. However, no future documents filed  
2 by a non-party will be accepted for filing in this matter.

3 Good cause appearing, Petitioner's motion for an extension of time to file a reply is  
4 GRANTED. Petitioner's reply to Respondent's opposition to his motion to compel shall  
5 be filed **no later than twenty-one (21) days** from the date this order is filed.

6 This order terminates Docket No. 51.

7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

8 Dated: May 5, 2020

  
BETH LABSON FREEMAN  
United States District Judge

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