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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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 11 VICTOR TORRES-MEJIA,
 12 Petitioner,
 13 vs.
 14 JERRY HOWELL, *et al.*,
 15 Respondent.

Case No. 2:18-cv-00681-RFB-VCF

**RESPONDENTS' MOTION FOR
 ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO RESPOND
 TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS
 CORPUS (FOURTH REQUEST)**

16 Respondents, by and through counsel, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of the State of Nevada,
 17 and Gerri Lynn Hardcastle, Deputy Attorney General, move this Court for a two- (2) week enlargement
 18 of time, or up to and including Friday, October 23, 2020, to file and serve their response to the petition
 19 for writ of habeas corpus of Petitioner, Victor Torrez-Mejia (Torrez-Mejia).

20 This motion is based on the provisions of Rule 6(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and
 21 the attached Declaration of Counsel, as well as all other pleadings and materials on file herein.

22 This is Respondents' fourth request for an enlargement of time to respond to Torrez-Mejia's
 23 petition. Respondents make this motion in good faith and not for the purpose of unnecessary delay.

24 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of October, 2020.

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26 By: /s/ Gerri Lynn Hardcastle
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DECLARATION OF COUNSEL

16 I, Gerri Lynn Hardcastle, hereby state, based on personal knowledge and/or information and
17 belief, that the assertions in this declaration are true:

18 1. I am a Deputy Attorney General of the Post-Conviction Division of the Nevada Attorney
19 General's Office, and I make this declaration in support of Respondents' motion for enlargement of
20 time to respond to Torrez-Mejia's second amended petition for writ of habeas corpus (fourth request).

21 2. By this motion, I am requesting a two- (2-) week enlargement of time, or up to and
22 including Friday, October 23, 2020, to respond to Torrez-Mejia's petition.

23 3. When I requested a one- (1-) week enlargement of time on October 2, 2020 (ECF No.
24 33), I was overly-optimistic in the amount of time I would need to complete this task and others.
25 Consequently, I am unable to file Respondents' response by the close of business today, as I thought I
26 would. I am requesting two (2) additional weeks to complete the response in an abundance of caution
27 and to prevent any further expenditure of this Court's and opposing counsel's resources with short
28 motions for enlargement of time.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of the Office of the Attorney General and that on this 9th day of October, 2020, I served a copy of the foregoing **RESPONDENTS' MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO RESPOND TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (FOURTH REQUEST)**, by U.S. District Court CM/ECF electronic filing to:

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