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Re:    *Washington State Republican Party, et al. v. Washington State Grange, et al.*  
      Case No. 11-35122

Dear Mr. Pharris, Mr. Even, and Mr. Ahearne:

Following my messages this afternoon to Mr. Even and Mr. Ahearne, I called the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Clerk's office to request a 14-day extension for filing the opening briefs in case number 11-35122. The extension was granted, and the following are the revised deadlines:

- Opening Brief – June 6, 2011
- Response Brief – July 6, 2011
- Optional Reply Brief – Fourteen days from the date of service of the Response Brief

Very truly yours,

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s/ Emily D. Throop

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cc:    All Parties of Record (via ECF)