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**Supreme Court
of the State of Washington**

Jessica Simpson,

Petitioner,

v.

Linda Gipson, et al.,

Respondents.

**Petitioner's Motion for Extension of Time
to File Petition for Review**

Jessica Simpson,
pro se
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 ORIGINAL

1. Identity of Moving Party

Petitioner, Jessica Simpson, asks for the relief designated in Part 2.

2. Statement of Relief Sought

Petitioner seeks an extension of 30 days, from March 9, to April 10, 2017, in which to file a Petition for Review.

3. Facts Relevant to Motion

While a patient at Whidbey Island Public Hospital, Jessica Simpson was assaulted by chief nursing officer, Linda Gipson. Simpson sued the hospital. That case was dismissed on summary judgment. Simpson, acting pro se, then sued Gipson, within the statute of limitations, on the same incident. Within 20 days of being sued, Gipson moved for summary judgment. Simpson obtained an attorney three days before the hearing. The new attorney moved for a continuance of the summary judgment. The trial court denied the continuance and granted Gipson's motion, dismissing the case.

Simpson's attorney handled the case before the Court of Appeals. That court issued its opinion affirming the trial court on January 17, 2017. Simpson's attorney moved for reconsideration, which was denied by an order issued February 7. Simpson's attorney withdrew from the representation on February 15.

Simpson has been searching for a lawyer willing to take on the case to file a petition for review in this Court. Simpson is mentally disabled and has very limited financial means. She cannot afford an attorney and needs to find

someone willing to take the case pro bono or on a reduced or contingent fee basis. This has proven difficult, especially now that the deadline for filing a petition is only days away.

At this point, no attorney is going to be able to prepare a petition on such short time. An extension of the time to file a petition for review would allow Simpson time to find an attorney to protect her interests. She is unable to write a petition for review on her own, and should not lose her right to petition through no fault of her own.

4. Conclusion.

This Court should grant a 30-day extension to April 10, 2017, in which to file a Petition for Review.

Respectfully Submitted this 7th day of March, 2017.

Jessica Simpson, pro se