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Scott Harris, Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Office of the Clerk  
1 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Reed v. Texas*, No. 17-1093

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death penalty case is due April 6, 2018. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-one-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including May 7, 2018. This is Respondent's second request for an extension in this case. The extension request is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, the undersigned requires additional time due to the demands of a capital caseload, primarily work concerning another capital-sentenced Texas inmate whose prior litigation resulted in an opinion from this Court. *Skinner v. Switzer*, 562 U.S. 521 (2011); see State's Notice of Filing Proposed Findings of Fact, *State v. Skinner*, No. 5216 (31st Dist. Ct. Gray County, Tex. Apr. 2, 2018). The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Bryce Benjet, who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Benjet. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Ottoway", written over a horizontal line.

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