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[CAPITAL CASE]

The Honorable Scott S. Harris Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20543

Re: Charles L. Ryan, Dir., Arizona Dep't of Corr., v. Robert Allen Poyson, No. 17-1274

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on March 8, 2018, and placed on the docket on March 12, 2018. The response is currently due on April 11, 2018.

Under this Court's Rules 15.3 and 30.4, Respondent Robert Poyson respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time to and including May 11, 2018, within which to file his response. Counsel for Petitioners have indicated that they do not oppose this request.

Mr. Poyson's counsel have obligations before various courts that would make it difficult to complete the response by the current deadline. The undersigned is appointed counsel in six D.C. Court of Appeals cases (Best v. United States, No. 12-CF-1590; Givens v. United States, No. 14-CF-712; Gray v. United States, No. 15-CF-388; Johnson v. United States, No. 13-CF-493; Walker v. United States, Nos. 14-CF-839 and 14-CF-840; and General v. United States, No. 16-CF-0822) and has ongoing litigation in the District Court for the District of Columbia. The other attorney from this firm representing Mr. Poyson has upcoming briefing deadlines in this Court (Animal Science Products, Inc., v. Hebei Welcome Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., No. 16-1220) and the Federal Circuit (Ashford University v. Shulkin, No. 18-1213).

Co-counsel for Mr. Poyson, Assistant Federal Public Defender Therese Michelle Day, is currently appointed to nine capital habeas cases. Since the Petition in this case was filed, Ms. Day has filed a replacement reply brief to a habeas petition on March 13, 2018, and is currently drafting a petition for writ of certiorari that is due on March 30, 2018.

Finally, in the coming months, the Northwestern Supreme Court Practicum, which is also working with Mr. Poyson, has several overlapping commitments representing other clients in this Court, including a merits-stage reply brief in *Chavez-Meza* v. *United States*, No. 17-5639, petitions for writs of certiorari in *Arjune* v. *Washington*, No. 17-, *Miscevic* v. *Laborers' Pension Fund and Estate of M.M.*, No. 17-, and *Dixon* v. *United States*, No. 17-, and certiorari-stage reply briefs in *Clemens* v. *Colorado*, No. 17-7068, and *Montez* v. *United States*, No. 17-7137.

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