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The Honorable William K. Suter, Clerk  
Office of the Clerk  
United States Supreme Court  
1 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Dale G. Middleton v. State of Florida  
Case No.: 17-6580  
Request for Extension of Time/Capital Case

Dear Sir:

On October 26, 2017 Petitioner, Dale Middleton, filed his petition for writ of certiorari. The undersigned counsel has had three answer briefs due in the Florida Supreme Court in the last five weeks, a federal habeas petition in active litigation, and responses in state post-conviction litigation due this week, all on a capital cases, in addition to several court appearances during the time. Consequently, the State is requesting an extension of time to file its brief in opposition pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 15 and 30, a forty-five (45) day extension, up to and including January 14, 2018.

No previous extensions have been requested. Counsel anticipates that the additional forty-five (45) will be sufficient time to prepare and to file the State's Brief in Opposition in this case.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

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