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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: Richard Knight v. State of Florida  
Case No.: 17-7099  
Request for Extension of Time/Capital Case

Dear Sir:

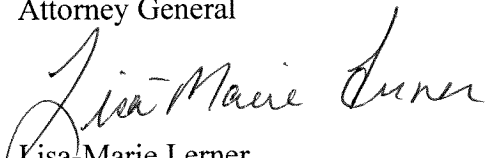
On December 12, 2017 Petitioner, Dale Middleton, filed his petition for writ of certiorari, which was received in this office on December 21, 2017. The undersigned counsel has had an answer brief in the Florida Supreme Court, a response to a federal habeas petition, and a brief in opposition in this Court all due in the past month, 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 thirty (30) day extension, up to and including February 15, 2018.

No previous extensions have been requested. Counsel anticipates that the additional thirty (30) 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,

Pamela Jo Bondi  
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