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

Re: *Russell Bucklew v. Anne L. Precythe, Director,
Missouri Department of Corrections, et al.*, No. 17-8151

Dear Clerk Harris:

I am counsel of record and will be primarily responsible for preparation of the petitioner's brief on the merits and the joint appendix in the above referenced case. Currently, our opening brief is scheduled to be filed on June 14, 2018. After consultation with counsel of record for the respondent (D. John Sauer, copied here), the petitioner respectfully requests that the Court extend his time to file his opening brief and the joint appendix until July 16, 2018. The request is due to various professional obligations prior to June 14, and counsel for respondent has no objection. Neither party anticipates requesting any additional extension in this case.

I appreciate your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert N. Hochman
Robert N. Hochman

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cc: D. John Sauer
Denise McNerney