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Hon. Danny Bickell, Deputy Clerk
United States Supreme Court
Office of the Clerk
1 First St., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *John William King v. Lorie Davis, Director, TDCJ-CID*, No. 17-9535

Dear Mr. Bickell:

Respondent seeks a second extension of 31 days in which to file a response in this federal habeas death penalty appeal. Respondent's brief was originally due July 26th, but the Court granted an extension to Friday, August 24th. This extension would delay the response date to Monday, September 24, 2018.

Undersigned counsel traveled to Washington, D.C. on August 7th to attend a four-day conference for governmental attorneys in capital litigation. In advance of the conference and afterwards, the undersigned has worked diligently to familiarize herself with the claims, review the extensive records, and begin drafting a thorough response. However, insufficient time remains to complete the necessary briefing and editing in advance of the current filing deadline. Counsel also anticipates having to miss time from work for several days before the end of the month and during the first few weeks of September. Finally, Petitioner's counsel, A. Richard Ellis, was conferenced about the motion and does not oppose the extension.

Sincerely,

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