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Office of the Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543
Attn: Deputy Clerk Danny Bickel

Re: Farris Genner Morris v. Tony Mays, Warden, No. 18-5505

Dear Mr. Bickel:

Please allow this letter to serve as the respondent's application pursuant to Sup. Ct. R. 30 for a **thirty (30) day extension** of time to file its brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter. The brief is presently due **September 7, 2018**. This is the Warden's first request for an extension of time. This is a capital case in which the Warden's response is mandatory. Justice Kagan previously granted petitioner an additional 60 days to file the petition for writ of certiorari on an unopposed motion.

Counsel for the State requests this extension to be able to submit a brief that will be of assistance to the Court. Counsel is currently involved in an expedited briefing and argument schedule in the Tennessee Supreme Court addressing the constitutionality of Tennessee's lethal injection protocol and has been unable to complete a response in this case within the time allowed by rule. Respondent thus requests permission to file a brief in opposition on or before **October 8, 2018**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer L. Smith".

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