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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: *Shelton Denoria Jones v. Lorie Davis*, No. 18-5980

Dear Mr. Bickell:

On September 11, 2018, the Court docketed a certiorari petition in this federal habeas death penalty case. A response is currently due on October 15, 2018. For the reasons that follow, Respondent requests a 30-day extension of the deadline to Thursday, November 15, 2018.

Petitioner seeks review of two claims relating to the denial of a request for discovery and denial of a claim that his right to a fair trial was violated. The federal habeas action and Fifth Circuit briefing were previously handled by another attorney. The extension requested will allow sufficient time for undersigned counsel to familiarize herself with the claims, review the voluminous state court and federal habeas record, and draft a proper response. Finally, Petitioner does not have a scheduled execution date and Petitioner's counsel, Jared Tyler, is unopposed to the extension.

Sincerely,

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