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

Re: *Jedidiah Isaac Murphy v. Davis*, No. 18-674

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death-penalty case is currently due on December 24, 2018. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including Wednesday, January 23, 2019. This is Respondent's first request for an extension in this case. The extension is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, the attorney drafting the Respondent's brief requires additional time to review the facts and legal issues in this case due to the demands of a capital caseload. In this regard, among other responsibilities, the Respondent's attorney filed a response to a motion for discovery on December 4, 2018, in the capital case *Medina v. Director*, No. H-09-CV-3223 (S.D. Tex.). Further, the Respondent's attorney has devoted time to preparing for a federal evidentiary hearing in the death-penalty case *Washington v. Director*, No. H-07-CV-0721 (S.D. Tex.), and state court DNA proceedings in the capital case *State v. Irvin*, No. 0864928 (Harris County, Texas). The Respondent's attorney conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Randolph L. Schaffer, Jr., who stated that he is not opposed to the requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to opposing counsel. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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