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

RE: Keith Tharpe v. Benjamin Ford, Warden

Case No. 18-6819

Dear Mr. Harris:

Respondent Warden's counsel respectfully requests a 30-day extension for filing his brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari. Respondent's brief is currently due in this Court on December 26, 2018. Undersigned counsel currently has a brief in opposition due to this Court on December 24, 2018 in the case of *Morrow v. Ford*, Case No. 18-6409. Given this responsibility, a 30-day extension until January 25, 2019, would ensure that counsel for Respondent has adequate time to properly respond to Tharpe's petition for writ of certiorari. Opposing counsel has been consulted and they do not oppose the request.

Sincerely,

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