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Scott S. Harris, Clerk Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20543

RE: Leif Halvorsen v. Deedra Hart, Warden. 18-8434

Dear Sir:

The Warden of the Kentucky State Penitentiary, Deedra Hart, the Respondent in the above-styled case, is represented by the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General via undersigned counsel - Matthew R. Krygiel (as counsel of record). Undersigned counsel requests that the time in which to respond to the petition for certiorari in the referenced capital case be extended 30 days from its present due date, to and including May 15, 2019. Counsel for the Petitioner has indicated he has no opposition to the extension request.

This request is made primarily due to counsel's obligations in other capital cases - in particular an brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in the death penalty case of Victor Taylor, *Taylor v. Simpson*, 14-6508 (filed April 10, 2019 - on second extension) and an oral argument in that same court which took place on March 19, 2019 in the death penalty case of Mitchell Willoughby, *Willoughby v. Simpson*, 14-6505. These duties were in addition to other matters that serve as part of undersigned counsel's non-capital caseload. Counsel for the Respondent will make every effort to complete the brief in opposition prior to May 15, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Matthew R. Krygiel
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