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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: *Wood v. Texas*, No. 18-8561

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death penalty case is due May 24, 2019. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-one-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including June 24, 2019. This is Respondent's second request for an extension in this case. The extension requested is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, the undersigned requires additional time due to the demands of a capital caseload, primarily litigation related to a decades-old conviction, *see Aranda v. Davis*, No. V-89-13 (S.D. Tex.), and various other capital-punishment-related cases, *see TDCJ v. FDA*, No. 3:17-CV-1 (S.D. Tex.) and *Murphy v. Collier*, No. 4:19-cv-1106 (S.D. Tex.). The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Jared Tyler, who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Tyler. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Ottoway", written over a horizontal line.

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