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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: *Billy Joe Wardlow v. Davis*, No. 18-9273

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death-penalty case is currently due July 15, 2019. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including Wednesday, August 14, 2019. This is Respondent's second request for an extension in this case. The extension is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, the undersigned attorney requires additional time due to the demands of a capital caseload. The undersigned appeared in a state-court discovery-related hearing in the capital case *Ex parte Jenkins*, CR-10-1063-A (Hays County, Texas), on June 18, 2019, and is scheduled to appear again on August 1, 2019. Further, the undersigned has a response to a federal habeas petition due on July 16, 2019, in *Granger v. Davis*, No. 1:17-CV-291 (E.D. Tex.). Finally, the undersigned has a response in opposition to a motion to stay the execution of Billy Jack Crutsinger (execution date September 4, 2019) due in the Fifth Circuit on July 15, 2019, and expects to soon be engaged in other last-minute litigation in that case. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Richard Burr, who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to opposing counsel. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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