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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: *Murphy v. Collier*, No. 18-9832

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death penalty case is due August 28, 2019. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including September 27, 2019. This is Respondent's second request for an extension in this case. The extension request is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, the undersigned requires additional time due to the demands of supervising multiple attorneys with capital caseloads and the undersigned's own work in such cases, primarily the litigation in and surrounding *Swearingen v. Collier*, a last-minute, method-of-execution lawsuit. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Jeffrey R. Newberry, who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Newberry. 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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