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

Re: *Tommy Sharp, Petitioner v. Jimmy Harris, Respondent*, Case No. 19-1105 (capital case)

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Rules 30.4 and 15.3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, undersigned counsel for Respondent, Emma V. Rolls, hereby requests an extension of time for thirty (30) days in which to respond to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed in the above-captioned case.

The Petitioner's petition was filed March 2, 2020, 21 days earlier than due, and docketed March 9, 2020. The Respondent's Brief in Opposition is currently due April 9, 2020. Counsel for Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension, which would render the Brief in Opposition due Monday, May 11, 2020. The extension is justified for the following reasons.

Respondent's counsel of record is the supervisor of the Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Western District of Oklahoma, which entrails numerous administrative and supervisory functions, including an increased workload litigating a challenge to the newly released lethal injection protocol for Oklahoma capital inmates. Ms. Rolls is also co-counsel on a certiorari petition currently due May 25, 2020, in *Harmon v. Sharp*, Supreme Court Case No. 19A1011. Further, Ms. Rolls is the lead attorney in *Tommy Sharp, Petitioner v. Roderick Smith, Respondent*, Supreme Court Case No. 19-1106, wherein the Brief in Opposition is due the same date on which this case is currently due. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

s/ Emma V. Rolls

Emma V. Rolls  
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