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Scott S. Harris Office of the Clerk Supreme Court of the United States One First Street N.E. Washington, D.C. 20543

> Re: Application to Extend Time to Respond to Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in State of Ohio v. Shawn Ford, Case No. 19-1191

Dear Mr. Harris:

Shawn Ford, pursuant to Rule 30.4, respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time in which to respond to the petition for certiorari. This extension would move the due date for the Response from Friday, May 1, 2020 to Monday, June 1, 2020. The opposing party does not object to this extension.

Undersigned counsel did not represent Mr. Ford in his direct review litigation below, and though they are familiar with Mr. Ford's case, they are currently also managing the litigation in multiple other capital cases. Moreover, the current COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on counsel's ability to complete this work in an efficient manner. An additional 30 days will enable counsel to familiarize themselves with the record below and respond to the Petition for Certiorari.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully yours,

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