

# RUDOLF WIDENHOUSE

21 May 2020

The Honorable Scott S. Harris, Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street NE  
Washington, D.C. 20543

**Re: *Thomas v. Barnes*  
19-1307  
Capital Case**

Dear Mr. Harris:

On 15 May 2020, petitioner served a petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter. The brief in opposition is due on or before 19 June 2020. I am requesting a thirty-day extension of time, to and including 19 July 2020, in which to file and serve the brief in opposition. I have contacted opposing counsel, Special Deputy Attorney General Jonathan P. Babb, who has no objection to this extension. I am serving a copy of this letter on him.

I have several other matters on which I am involved, in addition to the remote working necessitated by the pandemic. I would appreciate having the additional thirty days.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need further information, you can contact me at [mgwidenhouse@rudolfwidenhouse.com](mailto:mgwidenhouse@rudolfwidenhouse.com).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Gordon Widenhouse, Jr.", with a stylized, flowing script.

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