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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: *Christopher Devon Jackson v. Lorie Davis*, No. 19-5430

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death penalty case is due September 3, 2019. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including October 3, 2019. This is Respondent's first 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, including last-minute litigation pertaining to the previously-scheduled execution of Dexter Johnson (since stayed) and the upcoming execution of Stephen Dale Barbee. The undersigned also attended a multi-day conference specifically designed for capital litigators this month, during which time he was unable to work on the instant case. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Stuart Lev, who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Lev. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Hoffman", written over a horizontal line.

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