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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: *Smith v. Davis*, No. 19-6482

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death penalty case is due January 3, 2020. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including February 2, 2020. 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. The undersigned was recently assigned to this case and requires additional time to become familiar with the claims raised in the petition and the prior litigation. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Jeff Newberry, who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Dow and Mr. Newberry. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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