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Honorable Scott Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

RE: *Michael Wade Nance v. Benjamin Ford, Warden*, No. 19-6918

Dear Mr. Harris:

Respondent Warden's counsel respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time for filing his brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari. Undersigned counsel is currently operating under numerous competing deadlines in various other state and federal habeas corpus cases. Most notably, undersigned counsel has been working on an appellee's brief in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in *Smith v. Warden*, Case No. 19-12877. Additionally, undersigned counsel has numerous other deadlines in state and federal habeas corpus cases over the next few weeks that require his attention. Finally, undersigned counsel will be away from the office from December 24, 2019, through January 1, 2020, for holiday vacation. The additional time requested is necessary for Respondent's counsel to prepare and finalize Respondent's brief and to respond to the constitutional issues on appeal with an extensive record in this capital habeas corpus case.

The brief in opposition in the above-styled case is currently due in this Court on January 13, 2020. Therefore, Respondent respectfully requests an extension of 30 days, until February 12, 2020, in which to file his brief in opposition. I have spoken to Mr. Nance's counsel, Vanessa Carroll, and she does not oppose this request.

Sincerely,

Clint C. Malcolm
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Vanessa Carroll