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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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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: *Tony Ford v. State of Texas*, No. 19-6927

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death penalty case is due February 12, 2020. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including March 13, 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. Rather, the undersigned requires additional time due his intensive work on last-minute litigation related to the execution of Abel Ochoa on February 6, 2020. This included filing briefs in the district court, Fifth Circuit, and this Court. The undersigned is also scheduled to give oral argument before the Fifth Circuit in the matter of *Speer v. Davis*, No. 19-70001, on March 3, 2020. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Richard Burr, who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Burr. 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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