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The Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Cedrick Ponder v. United States*, Case No. 19-7076  
Motion for Delay of Distribution Date Due to COVID-19

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on October 29, 2019. The United States filed a brief of opposition on March 30, 2020. Distribution would normally occur on April 16, 2020. Pursuant to this Court's March 19, 2020 Order, the undersigned counsel requests that distribution in this matter be delayed until May 16, 2020 based on the difficulties associated with COVID-19.

The Federal Public Defender's Office for the Southern District of Florida has closed its physical offices due to the pandemic. The undersigned counsel is currently working remotely, which has resulted in numerous technical difficulties and a lower rate of productivity. Moreover, the undersigned counsel has devoted the past two weeks, almost exclusively, to the unforeseen task of filing motions for release in light of the danger COVID-19 poses to certain individual defendants, and to the prison population as a whole. Additionally, the undersigned has been spending part of each day caring for a young child whose daycare is currently closed due to the pandemic.

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Counsel for respondent, the United States, does not oppose this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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