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

Re: *Willie B. Smith, III v. Jefferson S. Dunn, Commissioner, Alabama Department of Corrections* (No. 19-7745)

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to this Court's Order dated March 19, 2020, petitioner in the above-captioned case respectfully requests that the Court delay distribution of the petition for a writ of certiorari by 14 days until May 27, 2020. Counsel for respondent does not oppose this delay of distribution.

Respondent filed a brief in opposition to the petition on April 23, 2020. Pursuant to this Court's Rule 15.5 and the Court's Case Distribution Schedule for the October Term 2019, the petition is currently scheduled for distribution on May 13, 2020, for consideration at the conference of May 28, 2020. If the Court were to grant the requested 14-day delay, the petition would be distributed on May 27, 2020, for consideration at the conference of June 11, 2020.

Petitioner requires the requested additional time to prepare its reply due to the logistical difficulties and dislocations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, including the need to coordinate among different law firms and offices, each operating remotely. A delay in distribution thus would allow counsel the additional time necessary to prepare a reply that is most helpful to the Court when it considers the petition-stage filings in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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