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Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Anderson v. Payne*, No. 19-8105 ***CAPITAL CASE***

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of the respondent to request a 30-day extension of the April 27, 2020 deadline for filing a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter. With this requested extension, which petitioner's counsel does not oppose, the response would be due on May 27, 2020.

A 30-day extension is reasonable and necessary because of other professional obligations, which include preparation of the reply brief in *Rutledge v. Pharmaceutical Care Management Ass'n*, No. 18-540 (due April 24). Along with other routine responsibilities, I and many on my staff are also devoting significant time to emergency litigation related to the COVID-19 pandemic in Arkansas, including a currently pending emergency writ proceeding in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Additionally, the Solicitor General Unit of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office only recently assumed primary responsibility for this matter and will require additional time to become sufficiently familiar with it to prepare a response to the petition for certiorari.

Please note that, as indicated in the petition's list of parties, Dexter Payne has succeeded Wendy Kelley as the Director and is automatically substituted as the respondent under this Court's Rule 35.3. Director Payne's office has also been retitled Director of the Arkansas Division of Correction. *See* Ark. Code Ann. 25-43-402(a)(5). Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Nicholas J. Bronni*

Nicholas J. Bronni

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