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

Re: *Reid v. Arkansas*, No. 19-8831 ***CAPITAL CASE***

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of respondent to request a 45-day extension of the July 27, 2020 deadline for filing a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter. With this extension, the response would be due on September 10, 2020.

A 45-day extension is reasonable and necessary because I have only recently assumed responsibility for this matter and will require additional time to become sufficiently familiar with the issues and proceedings below to prepare a response. In addition, my professional obligations include continuing responsibility for emergency litigation related to the COVID-19 pandemic in Arkansas, which has burdened my workload for the past two months.

Petitioner does not oppose this request.

For these reasons, respondent respectfully requests that the Court grant an extension of the response deadline.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Michael A. Cantrell*

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