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

Re: Johnson v. Arkansas, No. 20-48 \*\*\*CAPITAL CASE\*\*\*

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of Respondent State of Arkansas to request an additional 30-day extension of the deadline for filing a brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter. The deadline was previously extended from August 19, 2020, to September 18, 2020. With this requested extension, the response would be due on October 19, 2020. Petitioner Stacey Johnson does not oppose this request.

A 30-day extension is reasonable and necessary because of other professional obligations. Along with other routine responsibilities and ongoing lower court matters related to COVID-19, I and my staff have been tasked with additional responsibilities for several expedited and potentially emergency election matters. I am also preparing to present an oral argument before this Court on October 6, 2020.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nicholas J. Bronni

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cc: Jane Taylor Pucher, jpucher@innocenceproject.org, Counsel for Petitioner