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

RE: *Johnson v. State of California*  
Case No. 20-5085, **Capital Case**  
Request for Extension of Time

Dear Clerk Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on July 10, 2020. The response to the petition is currently due on August 17, 2020. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response to the petition be extended by thirty days, up to and including Wednesday, September 16, 2020. An extension of time would enable respondent to prepare a response that is more helpful to the Court. Counsel for petitioner does not oppose the extension request.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Melissa Lipon*

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