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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

September 8, 2020

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

Re: *Rigoberto Avila, Jr., v. State of Texas*, No. 20-5342

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death penalty case is due September 14, 2020. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including October 14, 2020. This is Respondent's first request for an extension in this case. The extension request is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather counsel for the Respondent require additional time for researching the claims and briefing the State's opposition. The Respondent's counsel has conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Jeremy Schepers, who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Schepers. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen M. Hoffman".

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