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Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Rigoberto Avila, Jr. v. Texas*, No. 20-5342 (Capital Case)

Dear Mr. Harris,

Respondent filed its brief in opposition to certiorari in the above-captioned case on October 14, 2020. The first distribution date for *in forma pauperis* petitions following the 14-day grace period is October 29, 2020.

Pursuant to the Court's March 19, 2020 order, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court delay distribution of this petition by 30 days, which would be the Court's December 3, 2020 distribution date. Petitioner requests this additional time to file a reply in support of his petition for writ of certiorari based on substantial disturbances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Respondent does not oppose this request.

Very truly yours,



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