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

Re: *Gardner v. Arkansas*, No. 20-5517 ***CAPITAL CASE***

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of Respondent to request a 15-day extension of the November 12, 2020 deadline for filing a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter, making a response due on November 27. Petitioner's counsel does not oppose this extension, which is the second extension requested by Respondent.

This second extension is necessary because of other professional obligations, including recent and upcoming certiorari-stage filings in multiple other cases before this Court handled by members of the Solicitor General Unit of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office. *See, e.g., Arkansas v. Gresham*, No. 20-38; *Johnson v. Arkansas*, No. 20-48; *Lard v. Arkansas*, No. 20-5874. Additionally, the Solicitor General Unit has been primarily responsible for multiple emergency lawsuits in federal court about the November 3, 2020 general election, which have related in part to the COVID-19 pandemic in Arkansas.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Vincent M. Wagner

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cc: Teri Lisa Chambers, teri.chambers@arkansas.gov, Counsel for Petitioner