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

Re: Smith v. McKinney, No. 20-554

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to this Court's order of March 19, 2020, petitioner in the above-captioned case respectfully requests that the Court delay distribution of the petition for a writ of certiorari until April 14, 2021, and set it for consideration at the conference on April 30, 2021.

The petition is currently scheduled for distribution on March 24, 2021 for consideration at the April 16 conference. In addition to intervening deadlines in other matters (including in this Court), petitioner's counsel are dealing with difficulties related to COVID-19, including difficulty in corresponding with Mr. Smith, who is incarcerated. This three-week delay would permit the Court to consider the case within two conferences of the original conference, and will not unduly delay the case's disposition.

Respondents' counsel has informed us that his clients consent to this request.

Sincerely,



Anton Metlitsky

cc: Counsel of Record