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United States Supreme Court
One First Street, NE
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RE: *Donald Mitchell Tedford v. Pennsylvania*
Case No. 20-5795 (Capital Case)

Dear Mr. Harris:

By this letter and pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondent, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is respectfully requesting a one-day retroactive extension of time in which to file its brief in opposition to the petition for writ of *certiorari* in this capital case, from February 12, 2021 to February 13, 2021.

On September 16, 2020, Petitioner Donald Tedford filed his petition for writ of *certiorari* with the Court. The petition was docketed on September 24, 2020. Pursuant to Rule 15.3, the Respondent's brief in opposition was originally due to be filed on or before October 26, 2020. Respondent sought several extensions of this deadline due to Covid-19-related reasons as well as social unrest, and this Honorable Court graciously granted those requests and established a new filing deadline for the Respondent of February 12, 2021.

Respondent filed its brief on February 13 rather than February 12, 2021. This was due to the fact that undersigned counsel experienced ongoing technical difficulties utilizing Westlaw from his remote desktop in his home during the week of February 7, 2021. This included significant delays in obtaining search results and extended slightly the time required to prepare and file an adequate brief in opposition.

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In light of this circumstance, Respondent respectfully requests the Court to find good cause to extend retroactively the filing deadline for its brief in opposition to the petition for writ of *certiorari* by one day until February 13, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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