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Hon. Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Duwayne Jones v. United States*, Case No. 20-6399  
Motion for Delay of Distribution Date Due to COVID-19

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent Petitioner in the above matter. The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on November 17, 2020. The government filed a brief of opposition on February 22, 2021. Distribution would normally occur on March 11, 2021.

Pursuant to this Court's Order of March 19, 2020, counsel requests that distribution in this matter be delayed until April 8, 2021, which would place this matter on the Court's conference of April 23, 2021. This request is based on the difficulties associated with COVID-19.

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Petitioner will be filing a reply. However, due to COVID-19, the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Southern District of Florida has closed its physical offices, and its attorneys and staff are working remotely. There are new logistical hurdles related to the filing and mailing of paper copies.

Counsel for respondent, the United States, does not oppose this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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