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Scott Harris, Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Office of the Clerk  
1 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Rodney Reed v. Bryan Goertz et al.*, No. 21-442

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death penalty case is due October 22, 2021. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including November 21, 2021. This is Respondent's first request for an extension in this case. The extension request is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, the Respondent requires additional time because counsel of record for the Respondent, Matthew Ottoway, has been out of the country since September 24, 2021, and will not return until October 21, 2021, the day before the Respondent's brief is due. Consequently, Mr. Ottoway has been unable to work on the instant case, and additional time is needed for the Respondent to file a brief in opposition. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Parker Rider-Longmaid, who stated that he is not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Rider-Longmaid. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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