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

**Re: *Stephen C. Shockley v. Lorie Davis*, No. 21-5426;
Request for Extension of Time to File Brief in Opposition**

Dear Hon. Harris:

My Office, the Attorney General of Texas, represents the Respondent, Bobby Lumpkin, Director, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institution Division, in the above referenced appeal. By letter dated October 4, 2021, the Court directed the Respondent to file a brief in opposition to Petitioner's petition for writ of certiorari by November 3, 2021. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, this is a request for a **30-day** extension of time, up to and including **Friday, December 3, 2021**, in which to file that brief.

This is the Respondent's first request for an extension in this case. As justification for this request, the undersigned, as the non-capital appellate supervisor for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Texas Attorney General (CAD), requires additional time due to her obligations within CAD to oversee fifteen non-capital attorneys in all aspects of federal habeas litigation. Additionally, there was a COVID-related internal delay in receiving a copy of the Court's letter requesting a response, and the undersigned first became aware of the Court's letter on October 15, 2021.

Conference with Petitioner is not possible because he is proceeding pro se and is also incarcerated. Respondent will not speculate about whether Petitioner

will oppose this motion. A copy of this letter will be sent to Petitioner by placing it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, to the address listed below.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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