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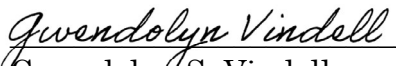
Scott Harris, Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
Office of the Clerk
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *John Ray Falk, Jr. v. Texas*, No. 21-6073

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death-penalty case is currently due November 26, 2021. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including December 26, 2021. This is Respondent's first request for an extension in this case. The extension is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, the undersigned attorney requires additional time due to the demands of a capital caseload. Indeed, the undersigned has devoted significant time preparing as first-chair counsel for a state-court evidentiary hearing scheduled for December 1 through 3, 2021, in the capital case *Ex parte Jenkins*, No. CR-10-1063 (Hays County, Texas). Undersigned counsel was also out of the country on previously scheduled leave from September 23, 2021, through October 21, 2021. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Raoul Schonemann, who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to opposing counsel. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


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