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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 December 27, 2021. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including Wednesday, January 26, 2022. This is Respondent's second 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. The undersigned is first-chair counsel in a capital state-court evidentiary hearing that took place on December 1, 2021, and will continue on December 27, 2021. *See Ex parte Jenkins*, No. CR-10-1063 (Hays Cnty., Tex.). The undersigned is also first-chair counsel in the instant petitioner's state habeas case and has devoted significant time to pre-hearing-related litigation in the trial court. *See Ex parte Falk*, No. WR-18,081-04 (Walker Cnty., Tex.). Further, undersigned counsel was out of the office on previously scheduled leave on December 9 and 10, 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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