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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: *Joubert v. Texas*, No. 21-6424

Dear Mr. Harris:

A response in this death penalty case is due December 27, 2021. The respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline. If granted, the response will be due January 26, 2022. The undersigned requests this extension because the undersigned's workload in providing appellate support to trial prosecutors has increased significantly, tasks which have prevented the undersigned from reading the record in this case and adequately responding. Additionally, the undersigned received this case just before Thanksgiving and intends to take time off for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The respondent has not previously requested an extension in this case. The present request is not sought for an improper purpose, including delay. The undersigned has conferred with the petitioner's counsel, Mr. Tivon Schardl, who is not opposed to the requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Schardl. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Ottoway".

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