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Hon. Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States One
First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Kemp v. Arkansas*, No. 21-6804 ***CAPITAL CASE***

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of Respondent State of Arkansas to request a 60-day extension of the deadline for filing a brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter. The current deadline is February 9, 2022. With this requested extension, the response would be due on April 10, 2022. Petitioner Timothy Kemp does not oppose this request.

A 60-day extension is reasonable and necessary because of other professional obligations, chiefly as a result of my supervisory responsibilities in the Criminal Department of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office. Additionally, this matter recently was assigned to me due to conflicting obligations of the attorney who handled the matter below, and, thus, additional time is needed to become familiar with the voluminous record in this case. Thank you for your attention to my request.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Vada Berger
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cc: Julie Vandiver, julie_vandiver@fd.org, *Counsel for Petitioner*