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Via E-file

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

Re: *George E. McFarland v. Bobby Lumpkin, Director, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division, No. 22-5236*
(Capital Case)

Dear Mr. Harris:

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent Bobby Lumpkin, Director, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division, respectfully moves for an extension of the time for filing the response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter.

The response is due on September 30, 2022. Respondent requests a 30-day extension of that deadline, creating a new filing date of October 31, 2022. This is Respondent's second request for an extension of time for this filing.

My staff reached out to counsel for Petitioner via e-mail to ask for Petitioner's position on this motion. Petitioner's counsel advised that the requested extension is unopposed.

The extension is necessary because counsel of record for Respondent faces additional briefing and argument obligations. The press of business from numerous, complex matters with deadlines overlapping with the current deadline has required, and will require, significant time and attention from the undersigned counsel and other counsel assisting with this matter:

- A petition for a writ of certiorari in *State of Texas v. Cook County, Ill.*, No. 22-234, filed in this Court on September 9, 2022;
- A Reply Brief on the Merits in *Office of the Attorney General of Texas v. Brickman*, No. 21-1027, due to be filed in the Texas Supreme Court on September 30, 2022;
- Presenting oral argument in *In re A.A.*, No. 21-0998, in the Texas Supreme Court on October 4, 2022;
- Presenting oral argument in *Reed v. Goertz*, No. 21-442, in this Court on October 11, 2022;
- A Response to Petitioner's Statement of Jurisdiction in *Brooks v. Abbott*, No. 22-136, due to be filed in this Court on October 11, 2022; and
- Respondent's Brief in *United States v. Texas*, No. 22-58, due to be filed in this Court on October 18, 2022.

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of the deadline to file the response to the petition for a writ of certiorari, creating a new deadline of October 31, 2022.

Respectfully submitted.

/s/ Judd E. Stone II

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