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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: *Isidro Delacruz v. Texas*, No. 23-5375

Dear Mr. Harris:

A response in this death penalty case is due September 18, 2023. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including Wednesday, October 18, 2023. This is Respondent's first request for an extension in this case. The extension request is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, counsel requires additional time because she was not counsel for Respondent in the court below and has not yet received a copy of the records from the most recent state court proceedings. Consequently, counsel has been unable to complete her review of the relevant records and formulate a response in the instant case. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel who stated that she is not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Petitioner's counsel. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Katie Abell  
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