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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: *Medrano v. Texas*, No. 23-5597

Dear Mr. Harris:

Previously, the Hidalgo County, Texas District Attorney's Office was counsel of record for the State of Texas in this death penalty case. Today, October 23, 2023, pursuant to a request by the District Attorney's Office, the Criminal Appeals Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office assumed responsibility for this case. The undersigned is now counsel for Respondent.

Petitioner filed his petition for a writ of certiorari on September 22, 2023. A response was due on October 16, 2023. Under Rule 30.4, Respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response be extended by thirty days from today's date, up to and including November 22, 2023. This request is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, as explained above, the undersigned was not counsel for Respondent in the court below. Consequently, the undersigned requires additional time to obtain and review the relevant records and to prepare a response. Respondent has not previously requested an extension in this case. Accordingly, Respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response to the petition for writ of certiorari be extended by thirty days from today, up to and including November 22, 2023. The undersigned has conferenced with counsel for Petitioner, and they do not oppose this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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