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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:

Petitioner filed his petition for a writ of certiorari on September 22, 2023. A response is now due on November 22, 2023. Under Rule 30.4, Respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response be extended by forty-five days, up to and including January 8, 2024. The Criminal Appeals Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office agreed to assume responsibility for this case from the Hidalgo County, Texas District Attorney's Office on October 23, 2023. Since then, the undersigned has been working on finishing pre-existing projects. It has also been necessary to request the file from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals so that the undersigned could become acquainted with the relevant records.

This request is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Accordingly, Respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response to the petition for writ of certiorari by extended by forty-five days, up to and including January 8, 2024. 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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