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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: *Cedric Ricks v. Guerrero*, No. 24-7038

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death-penalty case is currently due June 20, 2025. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-one-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including Monday, July 21, 2025. This is Respondent's second request for an extension in this case. The extension is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, the undersigned attorney requires additional time to prepare a thorough response due to the demands of a capital caseload. The undersigned has been drafting responses to three recent motions in the capital federal habeas case, *Calvert v. Guerrero*, 6:21-cv-00436 (E.D. Tex.), as well as reviewing the records in the present case. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Jeremy Schepers, who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to opposing counsel. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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