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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 July 21, 2025. Respondent respectfully requests a fifteen-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including Tuesday, August 5, 2025. This is Respondent's third 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. In recent weeks, the undersigned drafted responses to three recent motions in the capital federal habeas case, *Calvert v. Guerrero*, 6:21-CV-00436 (E.D. Tex.), drafted objections to the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of a magistrate judge in the capital federal habeas case *Davis v. Guerrero*, 3:21-CV-2333 (N.D. Tex.), and reviewed the records in the present case. Additionally, the undersigned's office's recent administrative duties have created additional, temporary burdens. Consequently, additional time is necessary to ensure the opportunity for a thorough internal review of the responsive pleading. 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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