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The Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of Court, Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Williams v. Louisiana*, No. 17-1241

Dear Mr. Harris:

This Court has requested a response from the Respondent, State of Louisiana, in this matter. The brief in opposition is currently due on May 16, 2018. This week the Louisiana Attorney General's Office became involved with this petition for certiorari. Considering the length of the record (approximately eighteen volumes) and the complexity of the issues involved, the State requests an extension of thirty days.

In addition to various briefing deadlines, the undersigned is also preparing for an argument before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on April 30, 2018 in *Thomas v. Vannoy*, 17-30178, and an argument before the Louisiana Supreme Court on May 1, 2018 in *City of New Orleans v. Clark*, 2017-KK-1453.

The State, therefore, respectfully requests a thirty-day extension in which to file its brief in opposition. The new due date would be June 15, 2018. The undersigned has communicated with counsel for the Petitioner, Corey Williams, and they do not oppose this request.

Respectfully,

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