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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: *Sims v. Louisiana*, No. 17-7002

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 March 14, 2018. Yesterday, March 12, 2018, the Criminal Justice Reform Clinic with the Lewis & Clark Law School filed an amicus curiae brief in support of the petitioner, David Wayne Sims.

In light of this filing, the State respectfully requests a thirty-day extension in which to file its brief in opposition. The new due date would be April 13, 2018. I have communicated with Sims' counsel of record, Ben Cohen, who has no objection to this request.

Respectfully,

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cc: G. Ben Cohen