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Honorable Danny Bickell, Deputy Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Office of the Clerk
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Arthur Brown, Jr. v. Texas*, No. 17-7929

Dear Mr. Bickell:

This is to request a forty-day extension of time, up to and including May 12, 2018, in which to file a brief in opposition in the above-styled cause. The requested extension is due to current commitments in another case. For the past two months, the undersigned has been drafting an answer to a federal habeas petition in *Harper v. Davis*, No. 4:16-cv-00762 (S.D. Tex.), due April 19, 2018. This petition is nearly 300 pages in length and raises thirty-one claims for relief. Because the answer could not be extended again per the district court's order, the undersigned was required to complete an answer. And, indeed, the undersigned has nearly finished a draft. However, the undersigned has been unable to work on any other cases during the past two months. As further justification for this extension, the undersigned has another Supreme Court brief in opposition due on April 16, 2018, in *Cruz-Garcia v. Texas*, No. 17-7641 (U.S.), which has already been extended once. For these reasons, additional time is needed to draft and file a brief in opposition in the above-styled cause. Brown does not have an execution date.

The undersigned has contacted counsel for petitioner, Paul Mansur, and he is not opposed to the requested extension. A copy of this letter will also be sent to opposing counsel. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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