

April 19, 2018

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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: Mark Robertson v. Davis, No. 17-8180

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death-penalty case is currently due April 23, 2018. Respondent respectfully requests a sixty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including Friday, June 22, 2018. This is Respondent's first 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 due to the demands of a capital caseload, primarily the litigation related to a state court evidentiary hearing that is taking place April 23, 2018, through April 27, 2018, in the death-penalty case *Ex parte Micah Brown*, Writ No. 08289. Additionally, the undersigned has briefing due in the Fifth Circuit in *Wardlow v. Davis*, No. 17-70029 (due April 27, 2018), and is scheduled to present oral argument before the Fifth Circuit on May 4, 2018, in the case *Murphy v. Davis*, No. 17-70030. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Lydia Brandt, who stated that she 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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