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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: Slater v. Davis, No. 17-8977

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death penalty case is due June 16, 2018. Respondent respectfully requests a sixty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including August 15, 2018. This is Respondent's first request for an extension in this case. The extension request is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, the undersigned requires additional time due to the demands of a capital caseload, primarily a competency hearing in *Green v. Davis*, 4:13-cv-01899, which is set for July 9, 2018 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Randolph Schaffer, who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Schaffer. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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