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

Re: *James Hall v. John Merrill, Ala. Sec'y of State*, No. 18-1362

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on April 29, 2019, and docketed on April 30, 2019. The Secretary of State's response is now due, after one extension, on July 1, 2019. I respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including July 31, 2019, for the filing of the Secretary of State's response.

This extension is necessary because counsel of record, Edmund LaCour, has only recently taken over the case after the attorney who was responsible for the appeal left the office. Mr. LaCour requires additional time to research the record and legal issues presented in this case. Moreover, between now and the current due date of the brief, Mr. LaCour has substantial briefing and oral argument obligations including an argument the week of June 24, 2019, before the en banc Eleventh Circuit in *Lewis v. Governor of Alabama*, No. 17-11009.

Counsel for petitioner does not oppose this further extension.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Edmund G. LaCour Jr.  
Edmund G. LaCour Jr.

cc: David I. Schoen