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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: *Ball v. LeBlanc*, No. 18-162

Dear Mr. Harris:

In this matter this Court has requested a brief in opposition to a petition for certiorari from the Respondent, James M. LeBlanc, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, et al. The brief in opposition is currently due on September 24, 2018.

The parties are in the middle of settlement negotiations which will likely resolve this case, including the petition before this Court. To this end, the State is requesting a 30-day extension, which would make the brief in opposition due October 24, 2018. The undersigned has spoken with counsel for the Petitioner and he has agreed not to oppose this request for an extension.

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