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

**Re: *Ochoa v. Davis*, No. 18-8845**

Dear Mr. Bickell:

A response in this death-penalty case is due May 16, 2019. The respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline. If granted, the response will be due June 15, 2019. The undersigned requests this continuance because of a combination of other responsibilities in the undersigned's capital caseload and the fact that the undersigned was on paternity leave for much of April, during which time the undersigned was out of the office and unable to work on the instant brief in opposition.

The respondent has not previously requested an extension in this case, and the present request is not sought for an improper purpose, including delay. The undersigned has conferred with the petitioner's counsel, Mr. Jeremy Schepers, who is not opposed to the requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Schepers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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