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Hon. Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street N.E.
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Dakai Chavis v. State of Delaware*, No. 20-317

Dear Mr. Harris,

Pursuant to this Court's order dated March 19, 2020, petitioner in the above-captioned case respectfully requests that the Court delay distribution of the petition for a writ of certiorari for 7 days. The petition is currently scheduled for distribution no earlier than November 17, 2020. If this Court were to grant the requested 7-day delay, distribution of the petition would occur no earlier than November 24, 2020. The conference date would then be December 11, 2020.

Petitioner requires the additional time to file his reply due to the logistical difficulties and dislocations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, including the need to coordinate among multiple attorneys collaborating on the case, each working remotely. Counsel's Administrative Assistant is also working remotely for a significant portion of the time. Counsel has contacted Maria T. Knoll, Esquire, Counsel for Respondent, and she has not objection to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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