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Hon. Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
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Re: ***Whatley v. Warden, Georgia Diagnostic & Classification Center, No. 20-363***

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 6 days. The petition is currently scheduled for distribution no earlier than November 4, 2020. If this Court were to grant the requested 6-day delay, distribution of the petition would occur no earlier than November 10, 2020. The conference date would then be December 4, 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 separate law offices each operating remotely. Further, Petitioner is currently incarcerated, and on death row. Counsel for Respondent has authorized me to represent that Respondent does not object to the requested delay in distribution.

Very truly yours,

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