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

Re: *Lard v. Arkansas*, No. 20-5874 \*\*\*CAPITAL CASE\*\*\*

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of Respondent State of Arkansas to request a 30-day extension of the deadline for filing a brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter. The response is currently due November 2, 2020. With this requested extension, the response would be due on December 2, 2020. Petitioner Jerry Lard does not oppose this request.

A 30-day extension is reasonable and necessary because of other professional obligations. Along with other routine responsibilities and ongoing lower court matters related to COVID-19 and ongoing election matters, I and my staff are responsible for several other briefs in opposition over the coming weeks. Additionally, the Solicitor General Unit of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office only recently assumed responsibility for this matter and will require additional time to become sufficiently familiar with it to prepare a response to the petition for certiorari.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nicholas J. Bronni

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