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

Re: *Thomas v. Payne*, No. 20-7480 ***CAPITAL CASE***

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of Respondent Dexter Payne to request a 60-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 April 16, 2021. With this requested extension, the response would be due on June 15, 2021. Petitioner Mickey Thomas does not oppose this request.

A 60-day extension is reasonable and necessary because of other professional obligations and the need to become familiar with this matter. This matter was recently reassigned to the Solicitor General Unit of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office. Our unit did not handle this matter below and will require additional time to become familiar with the voluminous record in this case. Additionally, between docketing and the original due date in this matter, our unit has been responsible for drafting a petition for en banc review and a merits brief in the court of appeals. Our unit is also responsible for supervising a number of matters pending in lower federal and state courts, including multiple upcoming oral arguments.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nicholas J. Bronni

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