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Honorable Scott Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street Northeast
Washington, D.C. 20543

RE: *Areli Escobar v. State of Texas*, No. 21-1601

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on June 24, 2022, and docketed on June 28, 2022. The State of Texas's response is now due, after one extension, on August 29, 2022. The State respectfully requests, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, one further 30-day extension of time to and including September 28, 2022, within which to file the State's responsive brief.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the State's response, which was delayed due to pressing deadlines in earlier assigned cases for the attorneys handling this matter. Further, undersigned counsel has been out of the country for over two weeks this month and the work that accumulated while she was out of the office has interfered with her completing a response.

The respondent has previously requested one extension in this case. The present request is not sought for an improper purpose, including delay. The undersigned has consulted with Petitioner's counsel, who has indicated that he is not opposed to this extension. As the attached certificate of service reflects, a copy of this letter is being sent today to Petitioner's counsel. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cc: See attached certificate of service.