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The Honorable Scott Harris
Clerk, Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

**Re: *Ryan Thornell v. Danny Lee Jones*, No. 22-982
*** CAPITAL CASE *****

Dear Mr. Harris:

We represent the respondent, Danny Lee Jones, in the above-referenced matter.

The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on April 6, 2023. Respondent's brief in opposition is currently due, after one extension, on or before July 10, 2023. Respondent respectfully requests, under Rules 15.3 and 30.4, a further extension of thirty days, to and including August 9, 2023, to file his brief in opposition.

This is a 28 U.S.C. § 2254 capital habeas case. Undersigned counsel did not represent respondent before the state courts on direct review, before the district court on federal habeas review, or before the court of appeals at the merits stage. Accordingly, additional time is necessary in order to carefully consider the massive record underlying this case, in order to carefully respond to the arguments raised in the petition, and due to the press of other business (including other appellate briefing obligations) that has intervened since the petition was filed.

The additional modest extension requested—to which petitioner consents—will not delay this Court's consideration of the petition, which would be conferenced on September 26, 2023, with or without the requested extension.

As indicated by the enclosed certification of service, we have concurrently served a copy of this letter upon counsel for the petitioner.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

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