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Scott Harris, Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
Office of the Clerk
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Garland Bernell Harper v. Bobby Lumpkin*, No. 23-5089

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death penalty case is due August 14, 2023. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including September 13, 2023. This is Respondent's first request for an extension in this case. The extension request is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, the undersigned requires additional time because the records in Petitioner's case are voluminous and the undersigned requires additional time to review them and formulate a response while managing the undersigned's other cases. The undersigned has conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Sarah Ottinger, who stated that she was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to counsel. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willa Cockshutt", is written over a horizontal line.

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