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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: *Gustavo Tijerina Sandoval v. Texas*, No. 23-5618

Dear Mr. Harris:

A response in this death penalty case is due October 20, 2023. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-one-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including Monday, November 20, 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, counsel requires additional time because he was not counsel for Respondent in the court below. Consequently, counsel has been unable to complete his review of the relevant records and prepare a response. Moreover, the undersigned requires additional time due to his commitments in other cases and because he has devoted a significant amount of time to his supervisory duties within his division. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel who stated she is not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Petitioner's counsel. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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