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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: *Cruz-Garcia v. Guerrero*, No. 24-7473

Dear Mr. Harris:

A response in this death penalty case is due September 19, 2025. The respondent respectfully requests a fourteen-day extension of the deadline. If granted, the response will be due October 3, 2025. This is Respondent's third request for an extension in this case. This request is not sought for an improper purpose, including unnecessary delay. Rather, the undersigned attorney requires additional time to finalize a thorough response due to the demands of a capital caseload. In recent weeks, the undersigned drafted responses to two motions in a state habeas case with an upcoming execution date, drafted a state court motion in another case, and has made substantial progress on the brief in the present case. However, the brief will require a thorough internal review by his supervisors who have their own deadlines, including an execution set for September 25, 2025. Further, the undersigned's office's recent administrative duties have created additional, temporary burdens. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Mr. Jeremy Schepers, and he does not oppose the 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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