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**Re: *Eric Guerrero v. Dexter Johnson*, No. 25-1003:
Respondent's request for extension of time to file merits
brief.**

Mr. Harris,

The Petitioner filed his merits brief on July 30, 2026. Currently, the Respondent's merits brief is due on August 29, 2026. *See* Sup. Ct. R. 25.2. Respondent requests a 20-day extension of time to file his merits brief, up to and including September 18, 2026.

Respondent requests an extension of time due to undersigned counsel of record's other litigation responsibilities. Those include representing two individuals with pending execution dates in Texas this fall. Both cases require significant, immediate attention from undersigned counsel which will impact his ability to prepare the merits brief in this case. Undersigned counsel of record, and the office that he supervises, also represent many other individuals sentenced to death in Texas with upcoming deadlines.

If the requested extension is granted, the Petitioner will still be able to utilize the full 30-day reply window, and his reply will be filed at least 10 days in advance of any November argument setting. *See* Sup. Ct. R. 25.3.

I have conferred with counsel for the Petitioner. The Petitioner is unopposed to the requested extension. A copy of this letter is being sent by email and Federal Express to counsel of record for the Petitioner.

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