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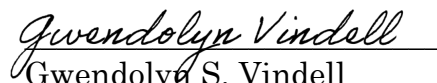
Scott Harris, Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
Office of the Clerk
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Richard Vasquez v. Guerrero*, No. 25-1246

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death-penalty case is currently due June 3, 2026. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including Friday, July 3, 2026. This is Respondent's first request for an extension in this case. The extension is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, undersigned counsel needs additional time to complete the responsive brief for several reasons. First, in the last thirty days, undersigned counsel helped prepare a reply brief in support of the Director's petition for writ of certiorari in the capital federal habeas case *Guerrero v. Johnson*, No. 25-1003 (S. Ct.) (filed May 8, 2026). Second, undersigned counsel presented a division-wide Continuing Legal Education class on May 20, 2025. And finally, undersigned counsel is responsible for supervising evidentiary development. In that capacity, the undersigned has reviewed numerous state and federal court pleadings in both capital and noncapital cases, has closely supervised and consulted on extensive evidentiary development in the capital state habeas case *Ex parte Wood*, No. WR-45,746-04 (171st Dist. Ct., El Paso Cty., Tex.), and has maintained administrative and advisory responsibilities on top of the review process. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Thomas Farrell, who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to opposing counsel. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


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