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The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the United States Supreme Court
One First Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20543

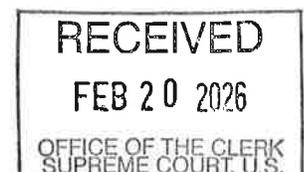
RE: Motion to Extend the Time to File a Response in *Joel Contreras-Aguilar v. Texas*, No. 25-6240

Dear Mr. Harris,

Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time to respond to the petition for writ of certiorari, from Thursday, February 19, 2026, to and including **Monday, March 23, 2025**.

Respondent is currently not a member of the Supreme Court bar and acknowledges that a response must be filed by a member of the bar. An application for admittance was mailed on February 6, 2026.

Respondent maintains a full felony trial docket with trials every four weeks while also serving as Appellate Supervisor. When this request for a response was received there were five state merits briefs and several responses to state writs of habeas corpus that were due.



An extension to respond to the pro se writ is requested so that a proper response be made. This extension is not sought for the purposes for delay, rather so that justice may be done.

Respectfully Submitted,

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February 6, 2026

CC: Petitioner, Joel Contreras-Aguilar. A copy of this motion was mailed to Robertson Unit, Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

*****Proof of Service: *****

Rule 29.5(c). a notarized affidavit or declaration in compliance with 28 U. S. C. § 1746, reciting the facts and circumstances of service in accordance with the appropriate paragraph or paragraphs of this Rule, whenever service is made by any person not a member of the Bar of this Court and not an attorney appointed to represent a party under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, see 18 U. S. C. § 3006A(d)(7), or under any other applicable federal statute.



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Affidavit on Proof of Service of Motion for Extension to File Response

I, Daniel Sakida, declare that a copy of the motion for extension to file a response was mailed to Petitioner—Joel Contreras-Aguilar. Petitioner is an inmate in the Texas Department of Correctional Justice and is currently housed in the Robertson Unit, 12071 FM 3522; Abilene, TX 79601.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on February 17, 2026.

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