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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: *Juan Carlos Alvarez v. Eric Guerrero*, No. 26-279

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death penalty case is due October 2, 2026. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including November 1, 2026. 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, the undersigned requires additional time due to the demands of supervising multiple attorneys with capital caseloads and the undersigned's own work in such cases. This includes time spent on last-minute litigation related to the recent executions of Texas inmates Ker-Sean Ramey and LeJames Norman. Further, the records in Petitioner's case are voluminous, and the undersigned requires additional time to review them. The undersigned has conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Seth P. Waxman, Esq., who stated that he was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to counsel. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Hoffman", written over a horizontal line.

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