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Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court, Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20543

Via: Docket of Charles Don Flores v. Texas, No. 20-5923 (Capital Case)

Re: Petitioner's motion to delay distribution of the petition for a writ of certiorari under Rule 15.5 from December 21, 2020 to January 4, 2021

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of my client, Petitioner Charles Don Flores seeking a two-week extension of the grace period for distribution of this case under Rule 15.5.

Respondent (the State of Texas) filed its brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case on December 7, 2020. Therefore, the 14-day extension period would end on December 21, 2020. According to the Court's calendar, the first distribution date for *in forma pauperis* petitions following that day seems to be December 23, 2020. Pursuant to the Court's March 19, 2020 Order and its Guidance Concerning Clerk's Office Operations dated November 13, 2020, Petitioner respectfully asks that the Court delay distribution of this petition by two weeks, through **January 4, 2021**, thereby allowing Petitioner to file a reply brief on or before that date. This extension would permit distribution on January 7, 2021 in time for the January 22, 2021 conference.

Petitioner requests this additional time in light of substantial disturbances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Undersigned counsel has conferred with Respondent's counsel about the relief requested; Respondent does not oppose this request.

Yours most sincerely,

/s/

Gretchen Sween, Attorney at Law

Cc: Jaclyn O'Connor Lambert, Counsel of Record for Respondent