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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM

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

## Re: Danny Richard Rivers v. Bobby Lumpkin, Dir. of TDCJ, No. 23-1345; Request for Extension of Time to File Brief in Opposition

Dear Hon. Harris:

The Office of the Attorney General of Texas represents Director Lumpkin in the above referenced appeal. By letter dated August 12, 2024, the Court asked the Director to file a brief in opposition to Petitioner's petition for writ of certiorari. The brief in opposition to Petitioner's petition for writ of certiorari is presently due to be filed on or before September 11, 2024. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, this is a request for a **30-day** extension of time, up to and including **Friday, October 11, 2024**, in which to file that brief.

The Director's initial attorney, who handled this matter in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals below, has extensive scheduling conflicts over the next two months. Thus, for those reasons, this matter must be reassigned to another attorney. As a result of this reassignment, there has been insufficient time for the newly-appointed attorney to review the case and complete the brief in opposition. The undersigned therefore respectfully requests additional time for the Director to file a response.

Mr. Peter Andrew Bruland, counsel for Petitioner, indicated by e-mail on August 28, 2024, that he is not opposed to this extension of time.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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