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March 15, 2018

Denise McNerney, Merits Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Vernon Madison v. State of Alabama, No. 17-7505

Dear Ms. McNerney:

On behalf of counsel for both parties in this case, I am writing to request that the time for filing the initial briefs for both the Petitioner, Vernon Madison, and the Respondent, State of Alabama, each be extended by forty (40) days. Certiorari was granted in this case on February 26, 2018, and Petitioner's brief on the merits is currently due on April 12, 2018. If the requested extension is granted, Petitioner's brief would be due on May 22, 2018 and Respondent's brief would be due on July 31, 2018. The parties have agreed that Petitioner's reply brief would be filed within the requisite 30 day time period, or by August 30, 2018.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bryan A. Stevenson

Bryan A. Stevenson  
Counsel of Record for Petitioner Vernon Madison

cc: Andrew Brasher, Office of the Solicitor General of the State of Alabama  
James Houts, Office of the Attorney General of the State of Alabama