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CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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RAY JEFFERSON CROMARTIE,

Petitioner,

v.

WARDEN, GEORGIA DIAGNOSTIC  
AND CLASSIFICATION PRISON,

Respondent.

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO  
FILE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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**THIS IS A CAPITAL CASE**

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Dated: June 11, 2018

Petitioner Ray Jefferson Cromartie respectfully requests a sixty (60) day extension of time in which to file his Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. In support of this request, he states as follows:

Petitioner is a death-sentenced Georgia inmate who sought federal habeas corpus relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia denied relief on March 31, 2017, and declined to issue a Certificate of Appealability (COA) on any issue. *Cromartie v. Warden*, 2017 WL 1234139 (M.D. Ga. Mar. 31, 2017) (unpublished) (attached). On January 3, 2018, a single judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit summarily denied Mr. Cromartie's application for a COA. *Cromartie v. Warden*, Case No. 17-12627-P (11th Cir. Jan. 3, 2018) (unpublished) (attached). On March 26, 2018, a divided panel of the same court denied Mr. Cromartie's motion for panel reconsideration of the denial of his COA application. *Cromartie v. Warden*, Case No. 17-12627-P (11th Cir. Mar. 26, 2018) (unpublished) (attached).

Petitioner intends to seek certiorari review in this case.<sup>1</sup> Petitioner's certiorari petition is currently due on June 25, 2018. In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 13.5, this application is made at least ten days before the due date.

Petitioner requests additional time in which to file his petition in light of counsel's workload and personal circumstances. Counsel of record represents

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<sup>1</sup> Petitioner will move to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this Court in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 39. Petitioner has been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* throughout the proceedings below.

numerous death-sentenced prisoners in capital habeas corpus proceedings in Pennsylvania, California, and other jurisdictions. Additionally, co-counsel, Mr. Adjoian, who was counsel of record in all of the federal proceedings below, welcomed the birth of his first child on June 3, 2018, and is presently on parental leave.

Counsel therefore respectfully requests a sixty (60) day extension of time in which to prepare and file the certiorari petition. Undersigned counsel contacted counsel for Respondent who indicated that Respondent does not oppose the requested extension.

Respectfully Submitted,

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