No.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OCTOBER TERM 2017

TONY LIPSCOMB, Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Respondent.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

To the Honorable Elena Kagan, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

and Circuit Justice for the Seventh Circuit:

The Petitioner, TONY LIPSCOMB, respectfully requests, pursuant to Sup. Ct. R. 13.5 and 30, the issuance of an order extending the time for filing a petition for writ of certiorari from its present due date of August 1, 2018, to October 1, 2018. In support of this application, petitioner states as follows:

1. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

2. Counsel was appointed pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act of

1964 (18 U.S.C. §3006A).

 The final order of the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in this case is reported at *Lipscomb v. United States*, 721 Fed. Appx. 518 (7th Cir. 2018) and is attached to this motion.

The judgment sought to be reviewed was entered on May 3, 2018.
No petition for rehearing was filed.

5. Petitioner's counsel is requesting an extension of time because he has not had adequate opportunity to develop the petitioner's issues for this Court. Petitioner's counsel has primary responsibility for all post-conviction cases arising in the Northern District of Illinois as a result of this Court's decision in *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015). Currently, counsel has that responsibility for over 30 cases. These cases require extended research and analysis into difficult legal issues. Counsel has been especially busy as a result of this Court's recent decision in *Sessions v. Dimaya*, 138 S. Ct. 1204 (2018).

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that an extension of time to file a petition for writ of certiorari be granted from the present due date of August 1, 2018 to October 1, 2018.

Dated July 18, 2018, at Chicago, Illinois.

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Respectfully submitted,

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