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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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WILLIAM B. CROCKETT III – PETITIONER

VS.

KEITH BUTTS – RESPONDENT

APPLICATION TO EXTEND THE TIME TO FILE  
A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE  
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT

**To the Honorable Justice Elena Kagan, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court  
and Circuit Justice for the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit:**

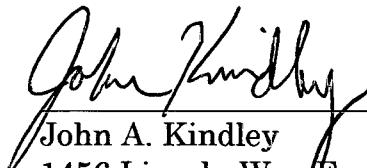
Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 13.5, 22, and 30, Petitioner, William B. Crockett III, respectfully requests a 60-day extension of time, up to and including October 15, 2018, to file a petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. A petition for rehearing was timely filed in the Seventh Circuit, which denied the petition for rehearing on May 18, 2018. A copy of the order denying rehearing is attached. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1). Without an extension, the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari will expire on August 16, 2018. This application is timely because it is being filed more than ten days before the petition is due.

Good cause justifies the requested extension. Important questions were determined adversely by the Seventh Circuit, including the question of the proper

standard governing whether a Certificate of Appealability must be granted in a habeas corpus case. The undersigned counsel represented the Petitioner, who is an indigent prisoner, without compensation from any source in the Seventh Circuit. This representation included a 25-page Request for Certificate of Appealability. He applied for admission to the bar of this Court to file on Petitioner's behalf a petition for a writ of certiorari, again without compensation from Petitioner or from anyone on his behalf, and without expectation of compensation from any other source in the future. He would not have done this and would not be doing this if he didn't believe Petitioner's claims were meritorious. However, given that Petitioner's counsel has never prior to this case filed a petition for writ of certiorari in this Court, the extension of time requested would be likely to improve significantly the quality of the petition that is ultimately filed.

Dated: August 2, 2018

Respectfully submitted,



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