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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

WILLIAM WEAVER,
Petitioner,

vs.
MICHAEL BOWERSOX,
Respondent.

**APPLICATION FOR A SIXTY (60) DAY EXTENSION OF TIME IN
WHICH TO FILE PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

TO: THE HONORABLE NEIL GORSUCH ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, AND CIRCUIT JUSTICE FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT:

Pursuant to Rule 13.5, petitioner respectfully requests a sixty (60) day extension of time in which to file his petition for a writ of certiorari in this Court, up to and including April 20, 2019. In support of this application, petitioner states the following grounds:

1. Petitioner, William Weaver, is a Missouri prisoner serving a sentence of life without parole who intends to seek discretionary review in this Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1254, of the opinion and judgment denying his application for his certificate of appealability issued by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals on November 19, 2018. A copy of the judgment is attached hereto .

2. Pursuant to Rule 13, petitioner's petition for a writ of certiorari is due on or before February 19, 2019.

3. Appointed counsel has been unable to devote the necessary time to research the law and prepare the petition due to several other contemporaneous deadlines and obligations, including but not limited to: filing a substitute brief in the Missouri Supreme Court in the companion cases of *Mitchell v. Missouri Department of Corrections*, SC97631, and *Dimetrious Woods v. Missouri Department of Corrections*, SC97633. Counsel also has state post-conviction hearings scheduled on February 7, 2019, in St. Louis County and on February 14, 2019, in Jackson County, Missouri.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, petitioner respectfully requests that the honorable Neil Gorsuch, in his capacity as Circuit Justice for the Eighth Circuit, issue an order granting petitioner a sixty (60) day extension of time up to and including April 20, 2019, in which to file his petition for a writ of certiorari.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kent E. Gipson, attorney for petitioner, hereby certify that on the 22nd day of January, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was forwarded to:

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