

No. ____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

RICHARD A. WELLBELOVED-STONE,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

**APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE
A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES
COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

To the Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr., Chief Justice of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Fourth Circuit:

Under 28 U.S.C. § 2101(c) and Rules 13.5, 22, and 30 of this Court, petitioner Richard A. Wellbeloved-Stone respectfully requests a 60-day extension of time, up to and including November 10, 2019, in which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari in this Court. The Fourth Circuit entered final judgment against Wellbeloved-Stone on June 13, 2019. Wellbeloved-Stone's time to file a petition for certiorari in this Court expires on September 11, 2019. This application is being filed more than 10 days before

that date. A copy of the Fourth Circuit’s unpublished opinion in this case is attached as Exhibit 1. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

This case presents three issues of significant importance. First, the unauthorized agency use of customs summons under 19 U.S.C. § 1509 for criminal investigation instead of customs investigations. Second, the propriety of a search warrant permitting a broad search of a home and all digital devices therein for “victim identification purposes” based on an uncorroborated online statement. Third, the lack of commerce clause authority to support federal jurisdiction to regulate self-produced child pornography. Each of these issues is complicated, and they are important.

The requested extension is necessary to allow undersigned counsel to adequately research and draft a petition presenting this issue while simultaneously balancing a heavy, public-defender caseload. In addition to this case, counsel has deadlines before this Court in *United States v. Legall* (petition due August 21, 2019), *United States v. Riley* (petition due August 31, 2019), *United States v. Melton* (petition due September 21, 2019¹), also is responsible for meeting deadlines in pending Fourth Circuit cases including *United States v. Johnson*, Fourth Cir. No. 19-4479 (opening brief due August 19, 2019), *United States v. Jones*, Fourth Cir. No. 15-7399 (reply brief due August 26, 2019), *United States v. Fulton*, 19-6717 (reply brief due August 27, 2019),

¹ Counsel intends to file a request for an extension for this petition as well.

United States v. Kilgore, 19-4420 (opening brief due September 6, 2019), *United States v. Maupin*, 19-6817 (reply brief due September 6, 2019), *United States v. Rumley*, No. 19-4412 (opening brief due September 10, 2019). Undersigned counsel is also trial counsel in numerous cases before the district court.

For these reasons, Wellbeloved-Stone respectfully requests that an order be entered extending the time to petition for certiorari up to and including November 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit 1

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