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Clerk of the United States Supreme Court
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

RE: Dax Carpenter v Julie Elizabeth Carpenter, Docket No. 20-1511

Dear Clerk:

I represent the Respondent, Julie Elizabeth Carpenter. My representation in the past has included all proceedings in the trial and appellate courts in Michigan.

Due to my age and the impact of COVID 19 on my business, I decided to retire after 48 years in practice. I began the process of closing my practice in February, 2021. For the past 35 years I have been a sole practioner. As a result, I relied heavily on my staff. In anticipation of retirement, I have laid off my staff and terminated on-line research services. As a result of these extraordinary circumstances, any response will take additional time.

It was two months after making this decision that I received the Petition for Certiorari filed by Petitioner. I immediately began searching for alternate counsel for Respondent. I have been working with an office that specializes in appellate work in the family law area. However, additional time will be required to bring counsel up to date.

I contacted your office in early May, 2021 and informed a representative of your office of these circumstances. Since then I have attempted to compose and file a response within the original time limit. I have been unable to do so.

I have contacted opposing counsel and he has advised that he does not oppose a 30 day extension. He will be receiving a copy of this letter via the e-filing process.

I am filing this request pursuant to Fed. Sup. Ct. R. 30.4. I confirmed with your office that a formal motion under Fed. Sup. Ct. R. 21 is not required.

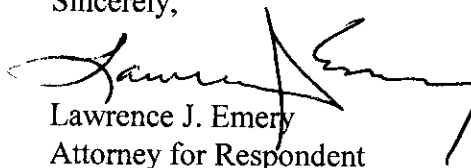
I will be e-filing this letter, but will not be submitting it in paper form pursuant to the Court's April 15, 2020 Order.

If my understanding of the filing requirements is incorrect, please advise immediately.

I am requesting an extension of time to file Respondent's brief for 30 days from the current due date of May 28, 2021.

Should you have questions or concerns please advise.

Sincerely,


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Attorney for Respondent

cc: Carson Tucker
Attorney for Petitioner