

February 11, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Bryan P. Stirling, et al. v. James Nathaniel Bryant, III*, No. 21-1044
*** CAPITAL CASE ***

Dear Mr. Harris,

This letter is to respectfully request, pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, a forty-five (45) days extension in which to file the brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari in this case, which is currently due to be filed on February 25, 2022.

Undersigned CJA appointed counsel submit this extension is justified due to counsel's other case obligations. Specifically, both Attorneys Vann and Franklin-Best are also appointed to represent South Carolina death sentenced inmate Bayan Aleksey in his state postconviction relief proceedings and are preparing for an evidentiary hearing in his case scheduled to commence in Orangeburg County on March 24, 2022. *Aleksey v. State*, No. 2015-CP-38-00764.

To allow Respondent sufficient time to prepare his brief in opposition in this capital case, counsel request an extension of forty-five (45) days, until April 11, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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