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Hon. Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Sasser v. Payne*, No. 21-7039

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of Respondent Dexter Payne, Director, Arkansas Division of Correction, to request a 60-day extension of the deadline for filing a brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter. The response is currently due on March 3, 2022. With this requested extension, the response would be due on May 2, 2022. Petitioner Andrew Sasser does not oppose this request.

A 60-day extension is reasonable and necessary because of other professional obligations. Along with other routine and supervisory responsibilities, I and my staff just completed a one-week preliminary-injunction hearing in a federal redistricting case and will be responsible for any appellate proceedings, including emergency motions, in that case. The Solicitor General Unit of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office is also responsible for preparing a reply in support of the petition for certiorari in *Payne v. Jackson*, No. 21-1021, which will be due April 13, 2022. Finally, the Solicitor General Unit only recently assumed primary responsibility for this matter and will require additional time to become sufficiently familiar with it to prepare a response to the petition for certiorari.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nicholas J. Bronni

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