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

Re: **Von Lester Taylor v. Robert Powell, Case No. 21-7329**

Dear Mr. Harris:

On behalf of Respondent Robert Powell, Warden of the Utah State Prison, I hereby respectfully request an extension of time within which to respond to the petition for writ of certiorari filed in the above-captioned case. *See* S. Ct. R. 30.4. Petitioner Taylor's petition was docketed on 9 March 2022, and Respondent's response is therefore due on 8 April 2022. Respondent requests an additional 30 days, or until Monday, 9 May 2022, within which to respond. If granted, this would be Respondent's first extension.

This request is based on three principal reasons. First, this is a capital case deserving the parties' utmost attention and effort. It has a lengthy procedural history involving a trial, a direct appeal, State post-conviction, post-conviction appeal, federal habeas, federal habeas appeal, and miscellaneous other collateral proceedings. That history and the complexity of the issues will require much time and work for clear and concise presentation in certiorari papers. For similar reasons, Petitioner Taylor received two extensions of time to file the petition.

Second, the extension is necessary to allow counsel to prepare a response contemporaneously with their other ongoing capital cases, and their previously scheduled personal commitments.

Third, counsel for Petitioner Taylor has stipulated via email to this extension request.

Thank you for considering this request, and I look forward to receiving your decision.

Very truly yours,



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