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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM 2021

WILLIAM EARL SWEET,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent

*On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari
to the Supreme Court of Florida*

**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

CAPITAL CASE

To the Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Eleventh Circuit:

Petitioner William Earl Sweet, a death sentenced Florida prisoner with no execution date set, respectfully moves for a 60-day extension of his time for filing a petition for a writ of certiorari seeking review of the Florida Supreme Court's recent decision in his case. On November 29, 2021, the Florida Supreme Court denied Mr.

Sweet's State Habeas Petition which that court reviewed under its original jurisdiction. (Attachment A). Mr. Sweet filed a timely motion for rehearing which was denied on January 14, 2022, thus starting the time for seeking certiorari in this Court. (Attachment B). Without an extension, the date the petition for a writ of certiorari is due is April 14, 2022.

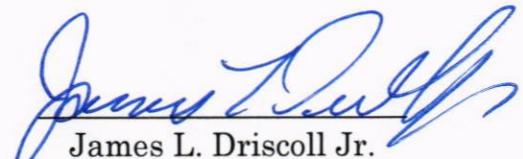
This Court has jurisdiction to grant a writ of certiorari under 28 U.S.C. § 1257(a).

Mr. Sweet seeks to present important issues to this Court that may have wide ranging effects on the consideration of claims by state courts addressing federal constitutional claims. The undersigned counsel has not had the primary responsibility for representing Mr. Sweet until after his prior two attorneys left the office. Accordingly, getting "up to speed" on Mr. Sweet's issues has been a challenge.

While the undersigned works with other attorneys on a team in the office, none of those attorneys are well-versed in Mr. Sweet's claims to provide meaningful assistance for an important pleading to be filed in this Court, the highest court in the land. Undersigned considers it a solemn duty to produce the best possible petition for consideration by this Court.

The undersigned has a significant case load and also has significant responsibilities as the Litigation and Training Director for the Office of the Capital Collateral Regional Counsel – Middle Region.

Petitioner accordingly requests that the due date for the filing of a petition for certiorari be extended to June 13, 2022.



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