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

Re: *Gay v. Arkansas*, No. 21-8279

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of Respondent State of Arkansas to request a 21-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 July 29, 2022. With this requested extension, the response would be due on August 19, 2022. Petitioner Randy Gay does not oppose this request. A 21-day extension is reasonable and necessary because of other professional obligations. Along with other responsibilities, 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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