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IN THE

**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

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**DEONTE LEWIS,**

*Petitioner,*

v.

**THE STATE OF OHIO**

*Respondent.*

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of Ohio

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

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To the Honorable Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and Circuit Justice for the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Petitioner Deonte Lewis respectfully asks for an extension of time within which to file a petition for writ of certiorari. The Petition is currently due on July 11, 2022. Petitioner requests a 60-day extension, until September 9, 2022. The judgment of the Ohio Supreme Court denying Mr. Lewis's request for leave to appeal his conviction and sentence was issued on April 11, 2022. Attached are copies of the intermediate Court of Appeals decision largely affirming Mr. Lewis's convictions, that Court's order denying a request for en banc review, the Ohio Supreme Court's summary entry denying leave to appeal from that decision, and its motion denying reconsideration.

The underlying state court opinion upon which this petition will be grounded provides an opportunity to assess the deferential window through which State Courts of Appeal, generally, and Ohio's, specifically, determine the reasonableness of so-called strategic decisions by trial counsel in ascertaining whether trial counsel's performance was lacking.

Good cause exists for this requested extension. Undersigned counsel is currently engaged in the litigation of numerous matters in the Intermediate Ohio State Courts, including three accelerated appeals, as well as a pending matter, not yet fully briefed in the Ohio Supreme Court. These, and the immediacy of their filing

deadlines require this request for additional time to effectively pursue the certiorari petition in this case.

For these reasons, Deonte Lewis requests a 60-day extension of time in which to file his petition for a writ of certiorari.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I certify that a copy of the Application for Extension of Time to File Petition for Writ of Certiorari was served via U.S. Mail this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 upon

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