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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street NE  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Bryan P. Stirling, et al. v. Sammie Louis Stokes*, No. 22-1234

Dear Mr. Harris:

The response to the petition for certiorari in this case is due July 24, 2023. Counsel for Respondent Sammie Louis Stokes respectfully requests, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time of 45 days, to and including September 7, 2023, within which to file his response.

This extension of time to file is necessary to afford Respondent sufficient time to prepare his brief in opposition to the petition for certiorari in this capital case.

Respectfully submitted,

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