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

Re: *Chestnut v. Allen*, No. 22-490

Dear Mr. Harris:

Petitioner Lydell Chestnut has filed a petition for a writ of certiorari in this capital habeas corpus case. Respondent Quincy Allen's brief in opposition is currently due on January 23, 2023, following one prior extension. Respondent is unable to comply with the current due date because of counsel's heavy workload, which includes a case under an active execution warrant and included the investigation, research, and filing of a lengthy petition for writ of habeas corpus in another capital case that was due last week. Counsel represents numerous death-sentenced prisoners in capital habeas corpus proceedings and has had a heavy schedule of competing obligations in these other matters.

Counsel therefore respectfully requests, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, a second thirty (30) day extension of time within which to prepare and file the brief in opposition. Undersigned counsel has consulted with counsel for Petitioner, Melody J. Brown, who has indicated that she does not object to this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

/s/ Aren Adjoian

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Counsel for Respondent, Quincy Allen
Appointed pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act
Application for admission to the Bar of this Court forthcoming