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

Re: Request for Extension of Time to file Response in Opposition  
Jerod Rodriguez v. Ricky D. Dixon, Secretary, Florida Department of Corrections  
No. 22-5024

Dear Mr. Harris,

On June 28, 2022, after receiving two extensions totaling 45 days, Petitioner Jerod Rodriguez filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari. Pursuant to this Court's Order, Respondent's Brief in Opposition is due on September 7, 2022. Pursuant to Rules 15.3 and 30.4, Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of this deadline, to and including October 7, 2022. The office of counsel for Petitioner, Robert Ufferman, has informed AAG Bettendorf by email that he has no objection to this request.

The extension is necessary because while AAG Bettendorf was on vacation in July, a colleague became seriously ill. Upon her return, AAG Bettendorf was requested to step in for an evidentiary hearing in a federal habeas case in the District Court. Her preparation for the hearing required quite a bit of time to become familiar with the relevant legal issues and record. This pushed AAG Bettendorf's ability to prepare briefs and responses in all of her other cases right to their deadlines. Additionally, once she has completed the proposed Brief in the instant case, there is an extensive review process conducted before the pleading is filed, which will require additional time. Therefore, Respondent believes an additional 30 days will be a sufficient time within which to prepare the Brief and have it be fully reviewed prior to filing.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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