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The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543-0001

Re: *Johnson v. Illinois*, No. 22-6431

Dear Mr. Harris:

This letter is sent as a request by respondent, the State of Illinois, for a 30-day extension of time to file its brief in opposition to the above-captioned petition for a writ of certiorari, to and including March 20, 2023. Currently, the response is due on February 16, 2023, with no prior extension of time. My office has contacted petitioner's counsel, who indicated that petitioner has no objection to this request.

I request this extension because Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Gopi Kashyap, who has been assigned to represent the State in this matter, did not handle the case in the appeal below, and requires additional time to review the record and research the legal issue presented. AAG Kashyap's other responsibilities also merit an extension. As Deputy Chief of the Criminal Appeals Division, AAG Kashyap edits pleadings and briefs in numerous cases, helps attorneys prepare for oral arguments, and assists in the management of the division; and she is responsible for drafting her own pleadings, including, among others, an appellee's brief in *People v. Hilliard*, No. 128186 (Ill.). Additionally, after AAG Kashyap completes a draft of the response to the petition, at least three supervisors in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General will need to review it before filing.

This is respondent's first request for an extension of time. It is not made for purposes of delay, but solely to ensure that respondent's interests are adequately protected. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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