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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 35-day extension of time to file its response to the above-captioned petition for a writ of certiorari, to and including April 24, 2023. Currently, the response is due on March 20, 2023, with one prior 30-day 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 although the assigned Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Gopi Kashyap, has familiarized herself with the case and researched some of the issues, she requires additional time to complete her research, draft the response, and have the response reviewed by several members of the office. 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. In addition, she is responsible for drafting her own pleadings. Specifically, among others things, AAG Kashyap is responsible for drafting an appellee's brief in *People v. Hilliard*, No. 128186 (Ill.), which is due on March 31, 2023, on a final extension; and preparing for oral argument in two consolidated cases, *People v. Moore*, No. 126461 (Ill.), and *People v. Williams*, No. 126932 (Ill.), which she will give on March 14, 2023; and, this past week, has participated in moots for nine other arguments scheduled for the next two weeks in the Illinois Supreme Court. Finally, AAG Kashyap will be out of the office from March 31 through April 8, 2023, for a previously scheduled vacation.

This is respondent's second 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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