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Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO RESPOND TO PETITION FOR CERTIORARI

**Case No. 22-6496, Lonnie Kade Welsh v. Bryan Collier, et al.;
In the Supreme Court of the United States.**

Dear Clerk of the Court:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondents respectfully request an additional 30 days to respond to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-captioned matter.

Supreme Court Rule 12.3 requires petitioners “to notify all respondents promptly, on a form supplied by the Clerk, of the date of filing, the date the case was placed on the docket, and the docket number of the case.” Petitioners are to do so in compliance with Rule 29, which dictates in relevant part that documents must be served personally, by mail, or by third-party commercial carrier within 3 calendar days of filing. Supreme Court Rule 29.3.

The Petition in this matter was filed on December 30, 2022 and was docketed on January 9, 2023. The docket reflects that, based upon the date of docketing, a response was due on February 8, 2023. The Office of the Attorney General of Texas, however, did not receive notice of these proceedings from Petitioner until February 7, 2023. Petitioner’s notice, which was delivered by U.S. Mail, was postmarked on January 30, 2023.

Good cause exists to extend time to respond to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari because Petitioner clearly failed to comply with Rules 12.3 and 29, and failed to notify Respondents of these proceedings in adequate time to formulate or file a response by February 8, 2023.

Respondents respectfully request that the time for a response to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this matter be extended 30 days, to **March 10, 2023**.

Thank you,



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