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In The  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ronda L. Cormier  
*Appellant, Petitioner,*

v.

Denis McDonough, *Secretary of Veterans Affairs*  
*Respondent.*

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APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN  
WHICH TO FILE A PETITION FOR WRIT OF  
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COURT OF THE APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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APPLICATION TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICE  
SAMUEL ALITO AS CIRCUIT JUSTICE

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January 30, 2023

## **APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to Rule 13.5 of the Rules of this Court, Applicant/Petitioner Ronda Cormier hereby requests a 60-day extension of time within which to file a petition for writ of certiorari up to and including Friday, April 21, 2023.

## **JUDGMENT FOR WHICH REVIEW IS SOUGHT**

The judgment for which review is sought is *Cormier v. McDonough*, No. 22-20083 (November 22, 2022) (attached as Exhibit 1). The United States court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit denied Petitioner's appeal and no request for rehearing was requested.

## **JURISDICTION**

This Court will have jurisdiction over any timely filed petition for certiorari in this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1). Under Rules 13.1, 13.3, and 30.1 of the Rules of this Court, a petition for writ of certiorari was due to be filed on or before February 22, 2023. In accordance with Rule 13.5, this application is being filed more than 10 days in advance of the filing date for the petition for a writ of certiorari.

## REASONS JUSTIFYING AN EXTENSION OF TIME

1. On August 18, 2022, Petitioner's former spouse, to whom she remained close unto death, died of pneumonia resulting from COVID 19. Since this time and during the issuance of the circuit court ruling she has been in mourning and seeking extensive counseling. As a result, Petitioner's financial resources have been depleted. To afford her time to seek representation and other legal assistance, Petitioner requests additional time to file her application.

2. Petitioner has requested the assistance of counsel and other legal aid to assist and collaborate in the preparation of her petition. An extension of time will permit counsel the time necessary to complete a cogent and well-researched petition.

3. Petitioner would not usually ask for a 60-day extension request, but does so in order to allow counsel and retained assistance adequate time to research and complete the petition.

4. The extension of time is also necessary because of other pressing client business. A 60-day extension for the Petitioner would allow counsel and other legal assistance the

necessary amount of time to effectively contribute to all pending matters including Petitioner's petition.

5. On January 27, 2023, Petitioner emailed opposing counsel, Assistant United States Attorney, Lander B. Baiamonte a courtesy copy of the forgoing motion. Subsequently, AUSA Baiamonte replied with no objections.

## CONCLUSION

For the forgoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant an extension of 60-days, up to and including April 21, 2023, within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the forgoing has been filed via overnight delivery service to the Clerk of the Supreme Court as well as via the Supreme Court's electronic filing system. A copy of the forgoing has been served via overnight delivery to:

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