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Clerk Supreme Court of the United States Washington, DC 20543

Re: Extension to File Petition for Writ of Certiorari

**Dear Clerk of Court** 



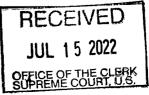
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I Andrea Peterson am the Petitioner/Appellant in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Andrea Peterson v HVM L.L.C./ESA, Appeal No. 19–1248. On October 7, 2021 the Court Dismissed Appellant appeal, granted Respondent/Appellees motion, "Dismiss Appellant's appeal for her repeated failure to comply with Court orders and deadlines" (I was unable to comply with court rules for the filing of a Brief). On May 3, 2022 the Third Circuit Denied Appellant Petition for Panel Rehearing.

Petitioner requests the Court grant an extension of the 90 days, provided under Rule 13 to file Petitioners Petition. Discussion below is to establish the reasons Petitioners request should be granted;

Vision challenges that suddenly began 3 ½ years ago. I cannot see a person standing in front of me, see/read hardcopy documents, it is a challenge for me to do legal research, I can see text on my computer however because of multiple erratic changes each day I can only work for short periods of time, take breaks. As a result, it takes considerably longer to write a document. Discussion will show evidence my continued efforts to obtain diagnosis, and now to see skilled and knowledgeable medical specialists. In support I restate sections of my attached (EX. A) letter dated June 6, 2022 to Aetna Insurance.

- 1. On about January/February 2019 following a year of increased, compounded stress my vision issues suddenly began.
  - a. For years I saw several Ophthalmologists. I did not obtain answer to my consistent question; What is the reason I can see text on my computer, on the television, cell phone, but I cannot see a person standing in front of me or hardcopy documents. The cause was not identified so I traveled to Baltimore, Maryland to see a Neuro Ophthalmologist. Again, I did not obtain answer to my foregoing question, the cause was not identified.
- 2. My letter to my Internist (PCP), attached (EX. B), discussed; "In January 2022 I had a consultation with Dr. Nancy Weiner a Neuro Ophthalmologist. In response to my question, what is the reason I can see and read 8 to 10 size font the text is crisp and clear, in other words not blurred, on my computer, emails, numbers on my remote control, cell phone; from my bed, approximately 12 feet from the TV, I can see the channels as I change them, text and pictures of people on TV. But I cannot



see a person standing in front of me, hardcopy documents. She stated, a different part of the brain is used, and there are two reasons, one a person had a stroke and as a result has cognitive issues, two, it is psychological caused by stress, trauma. MRIs indicate I have not had a stroke and we determined I do not have cognitive issues. I informed Dr. Weiner I have and continue to be under considerable stress, trauma, bottled emotions. She stated she would send a note to you, recommended I see a Psychiatrist and stated, "we can get you to seeing again".

- 3. In early March 2022 I saw Dr. Vuong an Ophthalmologist who agreed with Dr. Weiner's assessment, and in addition recommended I have a Functional MRI (fMRI). When I asked for recommendations she stated, there are definitely specialists in Boston, MA (Harvard, Mass Eye and Ear, and MGH) that are well versed in neuro-ophthalmology cases that may be outside the realm of the typical.
- 4. My letter to my internist requested he confer with Dr. Vuong and Dr. Weiner to determine the organization most skilled and experienced to address my particular issues, and provide referrals to specific doctors.
- 5. Confirmation of Dr. Weimer and Dr. Vuong statement; the vision issues I am experiencing are caused by stress, trauma, bottled emotions I have and continue to experience, my vision improved when I began taking Zoloft. Also, confirmation is the article (One of several stating the same); Mental Stress as Consequence and Cause of Vision Loss (link; https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29896314/). See Abstract stating; "This review of the literature discusses the relationship of stress and ophthalmological diseases. We conclude that stress is both consequence and cause of vision loss. This creates a vicious cycle of a downward spiral, in which initial vision loss creates stress which further accelerates vision loss, creating even more stress and so forth ... " "Because vision loss is considered to be irreversible and often progressive, patients experience continuous mental stress due to worries, anxiety, or fear with secondary consequences such as depression and social isolation. While prolonged mental stress is clearly a consequence of vision loss, it may also aggravate the situation. In fact, continuous stress and elevated cortisol levels negatively impact the eye and brain due to autonomous nervous system (sympathetic) imbalance and vascular dysregulation; hence stress may also be one of the major causes of visual system diseases such as glaucoma and optic neuropathy. Although stress is a known risk factor, its causal role in the development or progression of certain visual system disorders is not widely appreciated".
- 6. Here is the link to similar articles (72). Among the top 10%,
  - A. Is Mental Stress the Primary Cause of Glaucoma?
  - B. Personality and Stress Influence Vision Restoration and Recovery in Glaucoma and Optic Neuropathy Following Alternating Current Stimulation
  - C. Residual Vision Activation and the Brain
  - D. Mental Stress as Consequence and Cause of Vision Loss

See also;

- E. The Long-Term Costs of Traumatic Stress: Intertwined Physical and Psychological Consequences https://www.ncbi.nlm.ni<u>h.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2816923/</u>
- F. How Stress Affects Your Vision

## https://www.allaboutvision.com/conditions/stress-and-vision/

## 7.The letter also discussed;

- a. The end of March 2022 Zoloft was increased from 25 to 100 mg. Within the short period of time my vision further improved. I could see profiles of people standing in front of me but not the details, I could see lettering on hardcopy items such as Cheerios box, milk carton, the fluid ounces on a cosmetic bottle, profile of myself in the mirror brushing my teeth, putting deodorant on. Text and pictures of people on the TV was clearer, more crisp, colors vivid, I could see icons on my cell phone. I was getting 8 to 9 hours of sleep every night a significant improvement.
- b. But as discussed, on about April 11 some very strange occurrences began.
  Every time I wake up, even from a nap, I see what must be an illusion, what appears to be inside a domed shaped cathedral with architectural detailing.
  Interesting is it fully surrounds me, back, front, sides. It immediately starts to break up into what appears as a loosely woven knit made of brown twine.
  What's very interesting is everything I see through holes in the loosely woven knit is very clear.
- c. On about April 20 the dome shaped continued, but with walls of what appears as twisted masses of twine with objects such as vases, masks, a dog, mannequins etc., the objects change daily. As before it fully surrounds me on all sides. It is so thick I cannot see anything through it not even the TV. Again interesting within the dome I can see all the details crisp and clear. When I get up to go to the bathroom it is like a veil that fully surrounds me I cannot see anything as a result fear I will fall.

As it breaks up there are no longer, as before, holes in it I can see through. It takes 20 to 25 minutes for it to break up, and becomes as an impenetrable wall of white glaze, or wall of white glaze with bright sunlight. Interesting is, whether day or night as it breaks up it is white glaze. As before changes are multiple times a day to green, dusty rose, red, cutouts of various shapes, various other opaque combinations...

8.Discussion the articles underscores the reason Psychiatrist/Psychologist must be experienced working with individuals same/similar as me, have a knowledge of resources, therapies discussed e.g., psychotherapy, Brain current stimulation, stress reduction and relaxation techniques, meditation, autogenic training...

Furthermore, in my calls to psychologist I was able to speak with one, name can be provided. He stated I should see a Neuro Psychologist, or Neuro Psychiatrist, and gave me two names he recommended. I believe both are out of network.

## SUMMARY

When the erratic changes do not occur, I can see text on my computer. However, as I wrote this pleading the multiple changes discussed the foregoing paragraph 7 became worse, are all day, affected me seeing the text. I had to work for short periods, take breaks.

Further drain of my time, resources, in the next 1 to 2 months I expect to travel to obtain a fMRI, have consultations with Neuro Ophthalmologists.

Consistent with the Psychologist recommendation, discussed paragraph 8, begin seeing Neuro Psychologist/Psychiatrist so the therapeutic methods discussed paragraph 8 will start. My new question is, I began to see hence what cause the brown twine illusion that began on April 11, became worse on April 20, and the impenetrable white glaze that cause me to feel I am in a white box, impairs me from seeing texts I am writing. It has affected the quality of my life. In addition, because of my vision challenges, I have 2 legal cases I am unable to comply with court rules, file a Brief (Third Circuit Appeal No. 19–1248), a Writ of Mandamus to the US Supreme Court (N. D. Ga. Case No. 16 CV 03528, Doc. No. 184<sup>1</sup>). It cause question, does the Constitution of the United States guarantee of Due Process apply to me.

For the foregoing reasons Petitioner requests the court;

- A. Grant additional time for Petitioner to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari.
- B. Order an Attorney to assist Petitioner in the writing of the Petition.
- C. Order such other relief the Court believes is, just and fair.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Andrea Peterson

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See attachment, letter dated March 5, 2021, to Chief Judge Thomas W Trash, pages 46 to 57

I, Andrea Peterson hereby certify that on July 6, 2022 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 5(b)(2)(E), and Respondents/Appellees agreement that pleadings may be sent to it by email, Petitioner/Appellant foregoing pleading was sent to Respondent/Appellees attorneys at the email addresses listed below;

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