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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: *Sneed v. Illinois*, No. 23-5827

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 December 22, 2023. Currently, the response is due on November 22, 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) Joshua Schneider, who has been assigned to represent the State in this matter, requires additional time to research the legal issue presented and draft the State's response. AAG Schneider's other responsibilities also merit an extension. As a Supervising Attorney of the Criminal Appeals Division, AAG Schneider edits pleadings and briefs in numerous cases and helps attorneys prepare for oral arguments. In addition, he is responsible for preparing for and presenting oral argument himself in *People v. Jefferson*, No. 128676 (Ill.), on November 14, 2023, and drafting his own pleadings, including an appellee's brief in *Lee v. Galloway*, No. 23-1552 (7th Cir.). Additionally, after AAG Schneider 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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