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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 January 22, 2023 (January 21, 2023, falling on a Sunday). Currently, the response is due on December 22, 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), Joshua Schneider, has familiarized himself with the case and researched some of the issues, he requires additional time to complete his research, draft the response, and have the response reviewed by several members of the office. 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 drafting his own pleadings. Specifically, among other things, AAG Schneider is responsible for drafting an appellee's brief in *People v. Clark*, No. 127838 (Ill.), which is due on December 22, 2023, and a reply brief in *People v. Quezada*, No. 128805 (Ill.), which is due on January 5, 2024.

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,

/s/ Katherine M. Doersch

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