



December 21, 2023

The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

RE: Request for extension of time to file response to Petition for Certiorari
*Dominique Gerald Burns, Petitioner v. South Carolina Department of
Social Services, Respondent*
S. Ct. No.23-620

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel for the SC Department of Social Services, Child Support Services Division, in this case. Petitioner filed his Petition for a Writ of Certiorari on May 30, 2023 and docketed on December 8, 2023. Pursuant to Rule 15.3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, a response is due on January 8, 2024 and according to Rule 30.4, Respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response to the Petition be extended by 30 days, to and including February 7, 2024.

This is Respondent's first request for an extension of time to file a response. Good cause exists for the requested extension. I did not participate in this case and the attorney representing SCDSS and the Child Support Services Division in the case below, Gambell Hartzell Anderson, has since retired. She has, however, agreed to assist when and if necessary. We will also need sufficient time to familiarize ourselves with the relevant legal issues and record and determine if outside counsel should be retained to assist. Additionally, any response must be reviewed by multiple attorneys at the SC Department of Social Services.

For the above reasons, Respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a Response to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari be extended by 30 days, to and

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including February 7, 2024.

Thanking you, I remain

Respectfully yours,

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