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CRIMINAL APPEALS

April 2, 2024

Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Tasha Mercedes Shelby v. State of Mississippi*, No. 23-6960

Dear Mr. Harris:

I serve as counsel of record for Respondent the State of Mississippi in the above-captioned case. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari was docketed on March 11, 2024. Though Mississippi waived the right to file a response to the petition, the Supreme Court requested that a response be filed on or before April 29, 2024. Under Supreme Court Rule 30.4, I respectfully request an extension of thirty (30) days, to and including Wednesday, May 29, 2024, within which to file Mississippi's Response in Opposition.

An extension of time is necessary because I have many competing obligations in the coming weeks, including the filing of multiple briefs and responses in the Mississippi appellate courts, preparation for oral arguments, and administrative duties as Director of the Criminal Appeals Division.

This request is not made to cause undue delay or for any other improper purpose. For these reasons, I respectfully request a thirty-day extension of time, to and including Wednesday, May 29, 2024, within which to file our Response in Opposition.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ashley L. Sulser

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cc: Alan B. Morrison, Valena Elizabeth Beety, Counsel for Petitioner