



April 12, 2024

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

Via: USPS Priority Mail

**Re: Request for extension of time to file a response to petition for
certiorari, *Leslie Galloway III, v. Mississippi*, S. Ct. No. 23-7187**

Dear Mr. Harris,

I am counsel for Respondent, the State of Mississippi ("Respondent"), in this case. Petitioner filed his Petition for Certiorari on April 5, 2024. Absent an extension, Respondent's response is due May 9, 2024. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response be extended by thirty-two days. Because a thirty-day extension of time would make Respondent's brief due on Saturday, June 8, 2024, Respondent respectfully requests a due date of June 10, 2024.

This request for an extension is Respondent's first. Good cause exists for the requested extension. Respondent's counsel has numerous other professional commitments prior to the current deadline. Counsel currently has a motion to set execution pending before the Mississippi Supreme Court in *Simon v. State of Mississippi*, Cause No. 91-DP-00353. Counsel is also responsible for responding to a successive petition for post-conviction relief in another capital case, *Carr v. State of Mississippi*, Cause No. 2023-DR-00503. Counsel also has a responsive brief due in a direct appeal case, *Wallace v. State of Mississippi*, Cause No. 2023-KA-00888-COA, due April 24, 2024. The requested extension is necessary to ensure Respondent has an adequate opportunity to review and respond to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in light of counsel's other commitments. The requested extension will also better



enable preparation of a response that will be most helpful to the Court. Further, there are no circumstances that necessitate a speedy ruling on the Petition.

Accordingly, Respondents request a thirty-two-day extension of time, to and including June 10, 2024, to file its brief in opposition to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari. Before mailing this letter, I informed Petitioner's counsel—Claudia Van Wyk—of Respondent's intent to request an extension. Ms. Wyk informed me by e-mail that the Petitioner does not object to the requested extension.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Parker Proctor Jr. _____

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Parker A. Proctor Jr., certify that on April 12, 2024, I have mailed a copy of this document via USPS first class mail to all parties required to be served. This letter was mailed to following address:

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THIS, the 12th day of April, 2024.

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