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Via Electronic Filing

Hon. Scott S. Harris Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: William Bembury v. Kentucky, No. 23-802

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am Counsel of Record for Respondent (Commonwealth of Kentucky) in the above-referenced matter. The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on January 19, 2024. A brief in opposition is currently due on February 26, 2024.

Under Rule 30.4, Respondent requests a 30-day extension, until Wednesday, March 27, 2024, to file a brief in opposition. The press of other litigation matters makes timely submission of a brief in opposition difficult absent an extension. Undersigned counsel is currently responsible in the near term for, among other things: filing a response to an application for a certificate of appealability in *Goforth v. Jordan*, No. 2023-5826 [CAPITAL CASE] (6th Cir.) and filing merit briefs in *Bryant v. Commonwealth*, No. 2023-SC-0218-MR (Ky.); *Love v. Commonwealth*, No. 2023-SC-0005 (Ky.); and *Stech v. Commonwealth*, No. 2023-CA-0830 (Ky. App.).

Counsel of Record for Mr. Bembury has consented to this request.

Sincerely,
s/ Matthew R. Krygiel
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Richard A. Simpson