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

Re: Request for extension of time to file Brief in Opposition
Lonnie Allen Bassett v. State of Arizona, No. 23-830

Dear Mr. Harris:

On January 31, 2024, Petitioner Lonnie Allen Bassett filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari. On March 7, 2024, the Court ordered Respondent to file a Brief in Opposition on or before April 8, 2024. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of this deadline, to and including May 8, 2024. Neal Katyal, counsel for Petitioner, consents to this requested extension.

The extension is necessary for several reasons. First, Respondent's counsel in this Court—the Arizona Attorney General's Office—did not represent the State in proceedings below. The State was represented by a County Attorney's Office in the state courts, and the Attorney General's Office now needs additional time to familiarize itself with the procedural and factual history of this matter, and to ensure adequate coordination between the Attorney General's Office and prior counsel at the County Attorney's Office.

Moreover, the extension is necessary due to counsel's other responsibilities, including cases in which counsel is expected to file briefs in state-court matters between this week and April 8, and including supervisory and reviewing responsibilities on other matters. Finally, counsel is scheduled to be out of town on pre-planned, out-of-state travel from March 18 to April 1.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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