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Seventh Circuit Appeal No. 22-2268

IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

GILBERT BICKNELL,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI

To the Honorable Amy Coney Barrett, Associate Justice for the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Seventh Circuit:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 13.5, 22, and 20.2, Petitioner Gilbert Bicknell, through counsel and pursuant to the attached affidavit of counsel (Exhibit A), respectfully requests that the time to file a Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this matter be extended for sixty days to and including January 29, 2024.¹ Counsel was appointed pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act of 1964 ("CJA"). (Exhibit B - Appointment Order.)

 $^{^1}$ A true 60-day extension would have the petition due on January 27, 2024, which is a Saturday.

On July 19, 2023, the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit issued its opinion affirming Mr. Bicknell's sentence in his federal case. (Exhibit C - Court of Appeals Opinion.) Mr. Bicknell timely filed a petition for rehearing with the Seventh Circuit, which that court denied on August 30, 2023. (Exhibit D -Court of Appeals Order.) Therefore, absent an extension of time, Mr. Bicknell Petition would be due on November 28, 2023. Petitioner is filing this Application at least ten days before that date. See S. Ct. R. 13.5. This Court would have jurisdiction over the judgment of the District Court for the Central District of Illinois and Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit under 18 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

For the foregoing reasons, and pursuant to the attached affidavit of counsel, Mr. Bicknell respectfully requests that the Court extend the time to file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in this matter sixty days to and including January 29, 2024.

Date: 10 /5/23

Respectfully Submitted,

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