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**Supreme Court of the United States**

Robert Henke  
*pro se* Petitioner

v.

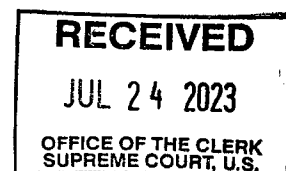
Tribune Media Company, *et al.*,  
Respondents,

**Application to extend the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari to the  
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

July 19, 2023

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**Basis for jurisdiction in Supreme Court**

To my understanding as a *pro se* petitioner, the Supreme Court has jurisdiction over my lawsuit through the declination of my request for a rehearing by the full panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Relevant documents are provided in the Appendix (p. 7).

**Certificate of Service**

Provided on page 6.

**Your Honor, Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr.:**

I am the *pro se* petitioner in the above-captioned lawsuit, now spanning 14 years. I am writing to apply for a 60 day extension to the petition for a writ of certiorari that I plan to submit to the Supreme Court. I understand that my current 90 day term expires on or about August 6, 2023. The writ follows a ruling by the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. I am writing to you because you are assigned to that Circuit. I base my request on infirmities I have and on difficult living circumstances I face; these deprive me, substantially, of time available under more normal conditions.

**Infirmities**

During 2021, I was diagnosed with a failing heart. Initially, my heart was found to have developed a serious but not uncommon defect; one that required open-heart surgery to repair. In the preparations for that, cardiologists uncovered a genetic heart defect that was quite uncommon and far more severe; for one, it ruled out the preferred open-heart surgery; my heart was judged too weak to withstand the trauma that went along with that. The cardiologists addressed the milder defect using a remotely controlled procedure but left the severe defect unaddressed.

Recently, during the course of an unexpected hospital stay, the cardiologists found that the repair of the milder defect had lost its original effectiveness as a result of the further deterioration of the heart due to the severe defect. That gave rise to a choice: redo the original procedure or avoid the risk that that carries and simply keep a close watch on the condition of the defect with intervention only if needed. I have decided on having the procedure redone; for one, to restore losses in energy that have reduced my productivity on my lawsuit. In particular, I have been beset by an increasing number of episodes of deep fatigue.

**Living circumstances**

My living circumstances have also impacted my productivity. I am of limited means. I have been separated from my family and reside in a shared living home. I do not have a car and so have to walk to the grocery store. The store seems to be over a mile away from the home. It's a hard walk, especially the way back as I'm usually heavily loaded and the trip includes long, steep hills. My weak heart makes those hills particularly difficult. I can no longer take my bicycle as it's a one-speed which makes the hills impossible. So, the trips consume more of my time and energy than they have before.

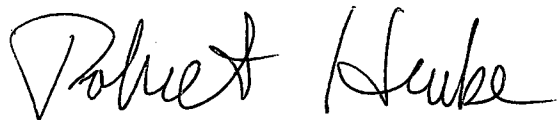
Additionally, my financial assistance for health care has expired. Being of limited means and at once burdened by serious health issues, the assistance is vital to me. I need to renew my application and that too will consume both time and energy.

**Conclusion**

I appreciate the Supreme Court's and respondent's patience in this matter. I am of the belief that my lawsuit carries deep meaning for the well being of the nation as well as for my family and me and that it should proceed to a just closure. Despite

my clear weaknesses, I have no doubts that, barring an event of unexpected magnitude, I will be able to complete the demands that I will face.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Henke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

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