

October 9, 2024

Mr. Danny Bickell
Deputy Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Innovative Fibers LLC v. Wideman*, No. 24-334

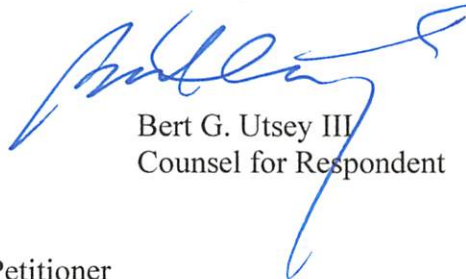
Dear Mr. Bickell:

I am counsel for respondents in the above-referenced case. On September 20, 2024, a certiorari petition was filed in this case. Unless extended by the Court, a response is due by October 24, 2024. For the reasons that follow, and pursuant to Rule 30.4, I respectfully request a 30-day extension, which would result in a deadline of Monday, November 25, 2024.

I have several pressing obligations during these upcoming weeks, including an Appellant's Brief and Joint Appendix due in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, a status conference to address a trial plan in a class action, and several mediations. An extension will allow me to meet these obligations and also to file a response that adequately addresses the points raised in the petition. I have consulted with opposing counsel, who do not oppose this request.

For these reasons, I ask that a 30-day extension be granted. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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