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Honorable Scott Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, DC 20543

VIA USPS FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Re: *Timothy Robert Ronk v. Mississippi*, No. 24-5775

Dear Mr. Harris,

Timothy Robert Ronk, a Mississippi inmate, filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari with the Court on October 17, 2024. Mississippi's response is due November 18, 2024. The State needs more time to prepare an adequate response and seeks a thirty-day extension of time under Rule 30.4. Good cause exists for granting this request. Undersigned's competing obligations, deadlines, and assistance in other state and federal cases prevents him from completing the response under the current deadline. For example, undersigned is preparing the responsive pleading in *Alberto Julio Garcia v. Burl Cain and Marc McClure*, No. 1:24-cv-00052-HSO (S.D. Miss. Feb. 16, 2024), which is due November 5, 2024. Undersigned is also preparing the Memorandum of Authorities in Support of Answer to Second Amended Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Prisoner in State Custody, which is due November 9, 2025, in *Steve Knox v. Burl Cain, et. al*, No. 5:13-cv-00241-KHJ (S.D. Miss. Jun. 6, 2005).

Undersigned has communicated with Ronk's counsel. Ronk has no objection to this request. Granting it will not prejudice Ronk. It is not made in bad faith, to create delay, or any other improper purpose.

Accordingly, Mississippi respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of time, until December 18, 2024, to file a response to Ronk's Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

Sincerely,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Undersigned certifies that one true copy of the foregoing letter motion for additional time has been served on opposing counsel by USPS first-class mail and by email to:

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