

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
OCTOBER 2025 TERM

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Dawon Hennings,	)
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Petitioner,	)
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v.	)
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United States of America,	)
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Respondent.	)

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Application to Justice Kavanaugh  
for Additional Time to File a Petition  
For a Writ of Certiorari to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals

Submitted on Behalf of Petitioner

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To Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh:

Petitioner Dawon Hennings, through his attorney of record, Assistant Federal Public Defender Andrew J. Cortopassi, requests an additional 60 days in which to file a petition in this Court seeking certiorari to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Specifically, he seeks an extension of time up through May 29, 2025.

Petitioner makes this request under Supreme Court Rule 13.5.

### **Jurisdiction**

Petitioner is preparing to request this Court's review of the judgment issued by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals on December 30, 2024, affirming his two convictions for unlawful possession of a firearm under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1).

Before the Eighth Circuit, Mr. Hennings argued that his statute of conviction violates the Second Amendment on its face. The Eighth Circuit summarily affirmed his convictions on December 30, 2024. Appendix at 1. Mr. Hennings did not seek rehearing.

The deadline for filing a petition for a writ of certiorari in this case is March 30, 2025. Petitioner files this request at least 10 days before the date the petition is currently due. *See* Supreme Court Rule 13.5.

### **Reasons for Application**

Mr. Hennings asks this Court to extend the deadline because the issue in this case is complex, involving detailed historical analysis that has caused a deep and widening split among the Circuits. It will therefore require counsel more time to prepare a well-researched and polished petition worthy of this Court's consideration.

As well, undersigned counsel is responsible for a significant criminal caseload in the Eastern District of Missouri and has been required to meet several other deadlines between

the Eighth Circuit's decision and the current due date. These further demands on counsel's time may prevent counsel from preparing a competent and concise petition.

Wherefore, petitioner requests leave to file his Petition for Writ of Certiorari, up through and including May 29, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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