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Honorable Scott Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

RE: *Stacey Humphreys v. Warden*, No. 24-826

Dear Mr. Harris:

Petitioner Stacey Humphreys filed his petition for a writ of certiorari on January 31, 2025. Respondent Warden's brief is currently due on March 6, 2025. Respondent Warden's counsel respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of time, until April 7, 2025, for filing his brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari. Counsel is currently operating under numerous competing deadlines in various other state and federal post-conviction cases. Undersigned counsel has been working with co-counsel on an appellant's brief in the Georgia Supreme Court in *Kevin Sprayberry, Warden v. Edward Morris*, Case No. S25A0566, which is due on February 12, 2025. Additionally, counsel has numerous evidentiary hearings scheduled for February 18, 2025, in Lowndes County, and another complex evidentiary scheduled for next month in *Michael Chapel v. Warden*, Case No. 2023-SUHC-0001 (Long Co. Super. Ct.). Counsel also currently supervises seven attorneys and is directly involved in assisting with numerous other cases and editing numerous other pleadings and briefs. The additional time requested is necessary for Respondent's counsel to prepare and finalize Respondent's brief and to respond appropriately to the issues raised in this capital case. Petitioner Humphreys asks this Court to correct a perceived circuit split, and

undersigned counsel for Respondent needs this additional time to further research this issue. Petitioner Humphrey's counsel has no objection to this thirty-day extension request.

Sincerely,

s/Clint C. Malcolm

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