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

Re: Hamm v. Smith, No. 24-872—Briefing Schedule

Dear Mr. Harris:

We write with regard to the briefing schedule in *Hamm v. Smith*, No. 24-872. The Court granted certiorari in this case on June 6, 2025, and has not yet scheduled the oral argument.

The parties respectfully request 14-day extensions of time to file their merits briefs, which would make their briefs due on the following dates:

Petitioner's brief: August 4, 2025

Respondent's brief: September 17, 2025.

This schedule would ensure that briefing is completed in advance of any oral argument date for the November session or thereafter. The parties request these extensions in light of professional obligations in other matters. For example, petitioner's counsel have significant briefing and oral argument obligations, including oral argument in *Sharifi v. Warden*, No. 24-11280 (11th Cir.), oral argument in *Whatley v. Commissioner*, No. 23-12863 (11th Cir.), briefing in *Washington v. Commissioner*, No. 24-13905 (11th Cir.), and appellate briefing and remedial proceedings in *Singleton v. Allen*, No. 21-CV-01291 (N.D. Ala.). Similarly, respondent's counsel has case obligations in *In re State of Alabama v. David Lee Roberts*, No. 1971713 (Alabama Supreme Court) in which the State of Alabama is seeking an execution date.

Sincerely,

<u>s/ Edmund G. LaCour Jr.</u> Edmund G. LaCour Jr. Counsel for Petitioner <u>s/ Kacey L. Keeton</u> Kacey L. Keeton Counsel for Respondent