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Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of the United States Supreme Court  
One First Street NE  
Washington, D.C. 20543

RE: *Lester J. Smith v. Timothy C. Ward, Commissioner, Georgia  
Department of Corrections, Case No. 21-1405*

Dear Mr. Harris:

Respondent Timothy C. Ward respectfully requests an extension of time to respond to the petition for a writ of certiorari. The petition was docketed May 6, 2022, providing a default deadline for response of June 5, 2022. Respondent requests a 30-day extension to and including Tuesday, July 5, 2022. The extension is requested due to the press of other matters in both state and federal courts. Petitioner consents to this request for an extension.

Sincerely,

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