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Via Electronic Filing

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

Re: *Taylor v. Jordan*, No. 21-6747

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am Counsel of Record for the Respondent in the above-referenced matter. The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on December 21, 2021, and it was placed on the docket on December 29, 2021. A brief in opposition is currently due on January 28, 2022.

Under Rule 30.4, the Respondent requests a 45-day extension, until March 14, 2022, to file his brief in opposition. Undersigned counsel had only minimal involvement in this capital matter in the courts below and thus requires substantial time to familiarize himself with the facts and relevant law. The undersigned also has several preexisting litigation deadlines that make timely submission of a brief in opposition difficult without an extension. Over the next several weeks, undersigned counsel is currently responsible for, among other things: (i) a brief in opposition to rehearing en banc in *Hodge v. Jordan*, No. 17-6032 (6th Cir.); (ii) a merits brief in *Kentucky v. Yellen*, No. 21-6108 (6th Cir.); (iii) a merits brief in *O'Neal v. Commonwealth*, 2021-CA-0666 (Ky. App.); and (iv) a merits brief in *Commonwealth v. Shirley*, 2021-SC-0254 (Ky.).

Petitioner has indicated he does not oppose this request.

Sincerely,

s/ Brett R. Nolan

Principal Deputy Solicitor General

cc: Dennis J. Burke (Counsel of Record for Petitioner)