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

Re: *Bryan P. Stirling, et al. v. Sammie Louis Stokes*, No. 21-938

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for certiorari in this case was docketed on December 23, 2021. The response to the petition was due January 24, 2022. Counsel for Respondent filed a waiver of the right to respond on January 20, 2022. On January 28, 2022, the clerk's office informed counsel that the waiver was not accepted.

Accordingly, counsel for Respondent Sammie Louis Stokes respectfully requests, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time of 45 days from the original due date, to and including March 10, 2022, within which to file his response.

This extension of time to file is necessary to afford Respondent sufficient time to prepare his brief in opposition to the petition for certiorari in this capital case.

Respectfully submitted,

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