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

Re: *Federal Bureau of Investigation, et al, v. Yonas Fikre*, No. 22-1178
Request for Extension of Time for Opposition to Petition for Certiorari

Dear Mr. Harris:

We represent Respondent Yonas Fikre in the case referenced above. The Solicitor General filed a petition for a writ of certiorari on June 2, 2023 (after receiving one 59-day extension), and this matter was placed on the docket on June 6, 2023. Respondent's brief in opposition is due on July 6, 2023. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, we write to request a 45-day extension of time to file a brief in opposition to the petition. Respondent has not previously sought an extension of time in this case.

Counsel requires additional time to fully respond to the arguments presented in the petition. Counsel has only recently secured specialized Supreme Court co-counsel to assist in the preparation of the brief in opposition. Counsel has also faced a press of other business, including conducting depositions, preparing numerous briefs, and preparing for oral argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in *Abdallah v. Mesa Air Group*, No. 22-10686 (5th Cir.). A 45-day extension would not prevent the Court from considering the petition at its September 26, 2023 conference.

For these reasons, Respondent respectfully requests a 45-day extension of time, until August 21, 2023,¹ to file a brief in opposition.

Respectfully,

/s/ *Lena F. Masri*

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¹ The requested 45-day extension ends on August 20, 2023, which is a Sunday. Under this Court's Rule 30.1, the period is therefore extended until August 21, 2023, which is the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, federal legal holiday, or day on which the Court building is closed.

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cc: All counsel of record (via email)