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

Re: *Tong v. Lumpkin*, No. 23-7577

Dear Mr. Harris:

The undersigned is counsel for Respondent in this death penalty case. Petitioner filed his petition for a writ of certiorari on May 23, 2024. A response is currently due on June 27, 2024. Under Rule 30.4, Respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response be extended by 30 days, up to and including July 27, 2024.

Respondent has not previously requested an extension in this case. Good cause exists for the extension, namely the undersigned's current caseload. The undersigned filed a motion for interlocutory appeal in federal district court on May 31, 2024. A reply in support of that motion is anticipated. The undersigned also currently has a district court answer to lengthy habeas petition due on June 24, 2024. The undersigned has supplemental briefing and a response to a motion for discovery and a hearing due on July 2, 2024. Finally, the undersigned is also preparing for an evidentiary hearing currently scheduled in district court on August 12, 2024.

Accordingly, Respondent respectfully requests that the time for filing a response to the petition for writ of certiorari be extended by 30 days, up to and including July 27, 2024. The undersigned has conferred with counsel for Petitioner, Jonathan Landers, and he does not oppose this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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