

May 30, 2025

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

Re: Jeffrey Clyde Pitts v. State of Mississippi, No. 24-1159

Dear Mr. Harris:

I serve as counsel of record for Respondent the State of Mississippi in this case. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari was docketed on May 9, 2025. Though Mississippi waived the right to file a response to the petition, the Supreme Court requested that a response be filed on or before June 27, 2025. Under Supreme Court Rule 30.4, I respectfully request an extension of time. Because a thirty-day extension would make Respondent's brief due on Sunday, July 27, 2025, Respondent respectfully requests a due date of Monday, July 28, 2025.

An extension of time is necessary because I have many competing obligations in the weeks to come, including the filing of multiple briefs and responses in the Mississippi appellate courts, preparation for oral arguments, and administrative duties as Director of the Criminal Appeals Division.

This request is not made to cause undue delay or for any other improper purpose. For these reasons, I respectfully request a thirty-one-day extension of time, to and including Monday, July 28, 2025, within which to file our Response in Opposition. Undersigned has contacted petitioner's counsel and been advised that petitioner has no objection to the requested extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Certificate of Service**

The undersigned certifies that one true copy of the above letter motion for additional time has been served on opposing counsel by USPS first-class mail and by email to:

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