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Hon. Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Thomas Leo Springs v. Dexter Payne*, No. 24-5163

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of Respondent Dexter Payne, Director, Arkansas Division of Correction, to request a 30-day extension of the deadline for filing a brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter. The response is currently due on August 28, 2024. With this requested extension, the response would be due on September 27, 2024. Petitioner Thomas Leo Springs does not oppose this request.

A 30-day extension is reasonable and necessary because of other professional obligations. Additionally, the Office of the Solicitor General of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office recently assumed responsibility for this matter and will require additional time to become sufficiently familiar with it to prepare a response to the petition for certiorari.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Nicholas J. Bronni*

Nicholas J. Bronni
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