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Via Electronic Filing and Electronic Mailing

Hon. Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543-0001

**Re: Request for extension of time to file brief in opposition
Sherman v. Bean, No. 24-6297 (Capital Case)**

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record for the Respondents in this matter. On January 2, 2025, this Court docketed the petition for writ of certiorari Petitioner Donald Sherman filed with this Court. The brief in opposition is currently due on March 17, 2025. Respondents respectfully request this Court issue an order under Rule 30.4, extending the deadline to file the brief in opposition by thirty (30) days, to and including April 16, 2025.

This is Respondents' second request for an extension of time to file the brief in opposition. Good cause for an extension exists because I have remained extremely busy since Respondents' first motion for extension of time. In particular, I continue to cover for Senior Deputy Attorney Generals—one left the office and one recently returned from medical leave. I continue to train a new deputy and have a second new deputy start March 24, 2025; and prepared my deputies for seven oral arguments in the Ninth Circuit the first week of March. And I have been working on an answering brief in the Ninth Circuit death penalty case *Blake v. Bean*, No. 23-99001 (9th Cir.). I am also assisting in the preparation for the first trial in a wrongful conviction compensation case in Nevada in Coache, which commences March 24, 2025. In light of the considerable time and attention required by those matters and this matter, Respondents need additional time to complete the brief in opposition.

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Counsel for Petitioner Sherman, Assistant Federal Defender David Anthony, informed me by electronic mail that he does not oppose this request for additional time.

Sincerely,

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