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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: Third request for extension of time to file brief in opposition  
*Atkins v. Bean, No. 24-7302 (Capital Case)***

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record for the Respondents/Appellees in this matter. On July 22, 2025, Respondents filed a second request to extend the deadline to file the brief in opposition by thirty-one (31) days, to and including August 27, 2025. This Court granted the extension. I now ask for a seven (7) day extension, to and including September 3, 2025, within which to file my brief in opposition.

I completed the brief in opposition late last week and intended to file it on Monday. However, the State of Nevada computer network was hacked on Sunday. See <https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/nevada-dmv-network-security-incident-b2813929.html>. The FBI is involved in investigating the attack. See <https://www.facebook.com/8NewsNOW/posts/breaking-the-fbi-is-involved-in-investigating-a-security-incident-affecting-neva/1184873150340913/>.

While some functions have been restored, including email, we have no internet access in our buildings, and no access to network shared drives or our internal databases. I do not know when they will be restored, but our hope is that we will return to functionality by next week.

Counsel for Petitioner Atkins, A. Richard Ellis, has no objection to this extension.

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I thank the Court in advance for considering this extension. I fully understand that a third request is generally frowned upon.

Sincerely,

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