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

Re: *Commissioner, Alabama Department of Corrections v. Joseph Clifton Smith*
United States Supreme Court; Case No.: 24-872

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am writing to respectfully request an extension of 30 days to file the respondent's brief in opposition in the above-styled case. The respondent's brief in opposition is currently due March 17, 2025. The State does not oppose this request for an extension of time.

Undersigned counsel is actively representing a client for whom the State has sought an execution date (*Ex parte Robin Dion Myers*, Case No. 1951981). Further, undersigned counsel has a previously planned family vacation from March 8 through March 14.

Should this Court grant the respondent's request for a 30-day extension, the respondent's brief in opposition would be due on April 14, 2025.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

/s/Kacey Leigh Keeton
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cc: Edmund LaCour