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

**Re: *Eric Guerrero v. Dexter Johnson*, No. 25-1003:
Respondent's request for 30-day extension of time.**

Mr. Harris,

A petition for writ of certiorari was filed in this case on February 19, 2026, and docketed on February 23, 2026. Currently, the Response is due on March 25, 2026. Respondent requests a 30-day extension of time to file his response, up to and including April 24, 2026. *See* S. Ct. R. 30.4.

Respondent requests an extension for two reasons. First, an extension is warranted due to the complexity of this case. Petitioner's filing asserts that the Fifth Circuit's decision in this case involves a circuit split regarding the interpretation of 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(2)(A). Preparing the response in this case will involve a significant amount of research and preparation time that undersigned counsel cannot complete before the Response is due.

Second, the extension is warranted due to undersigned counsel of record's other litigation responsibilities. Among other responsibilities, undersigned counsel of record for the Respondent currently represents two clients with execution dates in Texas: Cedric Ricks on March 11 and John Rubio on November 12. Both cases require significant, immediate attention from undersigned counsel which will impact his ability to prepare a Response in this case.

I have conferred with counsel for the Petitioner. The Petitioner is unopposed to the requested extension. A copy of this letter is being sent by email and Federal Express to counsel of record for the Petitioner.

Respectfully Submitted,

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