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Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
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**Re: *United States of America v. Jason Robert Hopson and Robert Marcus Johnston, No. 25-1039***  
**Motion to Extend Respondents' Time to Respond to the Petition**

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent Robert Marcus Johnston (“Johnston”) respectfully requests a 30-day extension of the deadline for Respondents Johnston and Jason Robert Hopson (Hopson and Johnston collectively “Respondents”) to oppose the Petition for Writ of Certiorari (the “Petition”) in the above-captioned cases. The Respondents’ oppositions are currently due April 3, 2026, and no extensions have previously been granted.

Good cause warrants granting an extension in this case. Namely, this Petition arises from two cases, each containing substantial trial records and raising complex statutory arguments. The United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit appointed counsel for Johnston for his Tenth Circuit appeal on January 13, 2026, following the Government’s request for a summary affirmance. Given the request for summary affirmance, the appeal was not briefed below. An extension is necessary for counsel to review the trial record, evaluate the legal issues in the Petition, and prepare a response. An extension will also avoid conflicts with previously-scheduled briefing deadlines of Johnston’s counsel.

Counsel for the Government and counsel for Hopson consent to this request.

Accordingly, counsel for Johnston respectfully requests a 30-day extension for Respondents to file their oppositions to the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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Keith Bradley

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