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The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk, Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Quashaun Melsun Reel v. North Carolina*
Supreme Court No. 25-1099

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent the respondent in the above-captioned case. The Court requested that a response be filed by your letter dated 27 April 2026, and Respondent's brief in opposition is due on or before 27 May 2026.

Respondent respectfully requests, pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of fifteen days, through and including 11 June 2026, to file its brief in opposition. This extension is requested to complete preparation of the brief due to the heavy press of earlier-assigned cases and to ensure that Respondent's position is fully and accurately represented. Undersigned counsel has substantial obligations in other matters, including briefing in two capital post-conviction cases before the North Carolina Supreme Court.

A fifteen day extension will ensure Respondent has sufficient time to analyze and respond to the arguments in the petition for writ of certiorari, as well as the additional points raised by *amici* who have filed briefs in support of Petitioner. Undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel of record for Petitioner, Mr. John J. Korzen, who does not object to this motion. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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