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

RE: Request for extension of time to file response to petition
State of Utah v. Mullins
S. Ct. No. 25-1115

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel for Morris Mullins, the respondent in this case. The State of Utah filed its petition for writ of certiorari on March 5, 2026. According to the online docket and pursuant to Rule 15.3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, a response is currently due on April 23, 2026. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Mr. Mullins respectfully requests that the time for filing a Brief in Opposition be extended by 60 days.

This is Mr. Mullins's first request for an extension to file a response. Good cause exists for the requested extension. I am an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the District of Utah. Apart from this case, I have over 70 felony cases at various stages of litigation in district and appellate courts. In addition to dealing with an already heavy caseload, counsel has been overwhelmed with an influx of cases related to illegal arrests by immigration officials in Utah. Within the last month, undersigned counsel has been assigned to more than two dozen cases relating writs of habeas corpus challenging these illegal arrests pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. An extension of time will allow counsel to prepare a response that would be most helpful to the Court.

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For these reasons, Mr. Mullins respectfully requests that the time for filing a Brief in Opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari be extended by 60 days, to and including June 22, 2026. Counsel for Petitioners, the State of Utah, have informed me by email that they stipulate to this request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Benjamin C. McMurray

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