



July 9, 2026

Submitted Via Electronic Filing & U.S. Mail

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

Re: *Stephen Joseph Johnson v. State of Montana*, No. 25-1273

Dear Mr. Harris:

Under Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent State of Montana respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time to file a brief in opposition to Petitioner's petition for a writ of certiorari, up to and including September 4, 2026. Petitioner's counsel does not object to this request. Respondent requests an extension for the following two reasons.

First, an extension of time is necessary. Counsel of record for Respondent is traveling with family for several weeks during the month of July and will be unable to work on the response. Additionally, attorneys under the supervision of counsel of record will be busy preparing for and participating in a trial anticipated to take place during the weeks of July 13 and July 20, *State of Montana v. Jason Ellsworth*, Lewis and Clark County District Court Cause No. DC-25-2025-477.

Second, the requested extension will not prejudice the petitioner. Rather, the extension will enable Respondent to prepare a brief that fully and concisely responds to the issues raised in the petition.

For these reasons, Respondent requests that the Clerk grant a 30-day extension of time, up to and including September 4, 2026, to file a brief in opposition to the petition for certiorari.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christian B. Corrigan
Counsel of Record for Respondent

cc: Stuart Banner (Counsel of Record for Petitioner)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

215 North Sanders
PO Box 201401
Helena, MT 59620-1401

(406) 444-2026
Contactdoj@mt.gov
mtdoj.gov