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Scott Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street N.E.
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Re: *Payne v. Garrett*, No. 25-1312

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, counsel for respondent Harl Allen Garrett respectfully requests a 60-day extension of time, to and including August 25, 2026, to file the brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari.

The defender organization was appointed as counsel during the rehearing proceedings below, and the undersigned was assigned to the case after those filings. Due to the press of litigation, additional time is needed to become familiar with the issues and prepare an adequate response. Additionally, counsel has received notice, pursuant to Rule 37.2(a), of an amicus curiae's intent to file a brief in support of petitioner. That brief is yet to be filed, and counsel for respondent will need time after its receipt to evaluate and address any arguments it raises in the brief in opposition.

This is respondent's first request for an extension of time. Counsel for petitioner advised that she does not object to a 60-day extension.

Sincerely,

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CC: Ms. Autumn Hamit Patterson, Solicitor General, Office of Attorney General, 101 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201