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

**Re:     *United States v. Shaheem Johnson, No. 25-551***

Dear Mr. Harris:

Counsel for the Respondent, Shaheem Johnson, respectfully request a further extension of time in which to file a response to the government's petition for a writ of certiorari. On December 23, 2025, the Court granted counsel's second request for an extension, making the current deadline for the response February 6, 2026.

Pursuant to Rules 15.3 and 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, the Respondent requests an additional 30-day extension of time, to and including March 8, 2026, in which to file a response to the petition. The government has no objection to the requested extension.

This extension is necessary in light of counsel's other pending matters. In the span between January 8 and February 10, I have filed or have due five opening briefs, one reply brief, and one petition for certiorari. In addition, I am in the midst of organizing a two-day statewide federal criminal defense conference for over 200 FPD and CJA attorneys, to be held in April, which requires a great deal of advance planning and preparation. For these reasons, counsel requires additional time to prepare the response in this case.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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