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Via Electronic Filing

Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20543-0001

Re: *Kian v. Florida*, No. 25-6623

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent the Respondent in the above-captioned case. The Court granted the petition for a writ of certiorari on June 15, 2026. Petitioner's opening merits brief is currently due July 30, 2026, Respondent's brief on August 31, 2026, and Petitioner's reply brief on September 30, 2026. The Court has not yet scheduled oral argument.

Under Rule 30.4, I am writing on behalf of the Respondent to request an extension of time to file the briefs in this case as follows:

Petitioner's brief:	August 6, 2026
Respondent's brief:	September 28, 2026
Petitioner's reply:	November 12, 2026

This proposed schedule would allow the Court to hold oral argument during the December 2026 session. Respondent's counsel seek the proposed extension given the press of other matters and to accommodate previously scheduled personal obligations. Respondent's counsel must attend to the following deadlines between now and the currently scheduled deadline for Respondent's brief:

- July 20, 2026: answer brief due in *Gadson v. State*, No. SC25-1824 (Fla.);
- July 22, 2026: amicus brief due in *YRIG Risk Retention Grp. v. Texas Dep't of Ins.*, No. 26-11295 (11th Cir.);
- July 22, 2026: amicus brief due in *Lujan v. FMCSA*, No. 26-1032 (D.C. Cir.);
- July 23, 2026: reply brief due in *CAIR-Foundation v. DeSantis*, No. 26-10735 (11th Cir.);
- July 29, 2026: response to show cause order due in *Forsythe v. State*, No. SC21-0924 (Fla.);
- July 29, 2026: response to show cause order due in *Wilson v. State*, No. SC20-1870 (Fla.);
- July 29, 2026: opening en banc brief due in *Am. Academy of Pediatrics v. Uthmeier*, No. 26-2238 (7th Cir.);
- July 30, 2026: oral argument in *State v. Henderson*, No. 2025-0489-CF (Fla. 7th Jud. Cir.);
- July 31, 2026: oral argument in *Farmworker Ass'n v. DeSantis*, No. 25-11578 (11th Cir.);
- August 10, 2026: supplemental brief due in *Whitton v. Sec'y of Fla. Dep't of Corrs.*, No. 23-10786 (11th Cir.);
- August 11, 2026: answer/motion to dismiss due in *Sistrunk Seeds v. Trump*, No. 1:26-cv-23365 (S.D. Fla.);
- August 17, 2026: jurisdictional answer brief due in *Jefferson Cty. Kennel Club v. Fla. Gaming Control Comm'n*, No. SC26-1019 (Fla.);
- August 24, 2026: initial brief due in *Florida v. McGraw-Hill*, No. 1D26-1816 (Fla. 1st DCA);
- August 24, 2026: amicus brief due in *Olympus Spa v. Armstrong*, No. 25A1111 (U.S.);
- August 26, 2026: en banc reply brief due in *Am. Academy of Pediatrics v. Uthmeier*, No. 26-2238 (7th Cir.);
- August 27, 2026: supplemental brief due in *Gibbs v. State*, No. 3D23-1676 (Fla. 3d DCA).

I have conferred with Petitioner's counsel, who (1) opposes the motion for extension of time but (2) requests that, if the Court grants the requested extension, the deadline for Petitioner's opening brief be extended by 7 days and the deadline for Petitioner's reply be extended by 14 days. The proposed briefing schedule above thus reflects Petitioner's request for additional time in the event the Court grants Respondent's motion. Under this proposal, both parties would obtain an additional 21 days total for briefing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

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