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Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Alan Lane Hicks v. Jonathan Frame, Superintendent, Mount Olive Correctional Complex
(No. 25-726)

Dear Mr. Harris:

The Court docketed a petition for writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case on December 19, 2025. Although Respondent waived his right to file a response, the Court yesterday asked him to file one. That response is now due February 6, 2026.

Respondent respectfully requests, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, that the Court extend the time for Respondent to file his response by 28 days, to March 6, 2026.

Respondent has not previously sought any extensions in this case. The extension is justified because the attorneys principally responsible for preparing the response are set to be heavily engaged over the coming weeks with other previously scheduled matters before this Court, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, and the federal courts of appeal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Williams

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cc: Steven James Alagna, counsel for Petitioner