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Via Electronic Filing System

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

RE: *Tauno Waidla v. Christopher Pierce*, Case No. 25-7555
Request for Extension of Time to File Brief in Opposition to Petition for
Certiorari

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent the respondent in the above-entitled case. The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on May 19, 2026. This is a capital case, and the brief in opposition is currently due on July 9, 2026. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, I respectfully request that the time for filing that brief be extended by thirty days, to August 8, 2026.

This is respondent's first request for an extension of time. An extension of time would better enable the preparation of a response that respondent believes would be most helpful to the Court. Petitioner's counsel have advised me they do not oppose this request.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the due date for the brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari be extended to August 8, 2026.

Sincerely,

/s/ Seth P. McCutcheon
SETH P. MCCUTCHEON
Deputy Attorney General

For ROB BONTA
Attorney General

cc: Marta VanLandingham and Katherine Farkas, Counsel for Petitioner

No. 25-7555

In the Supreme Court of the United States

TAUNO WAIDLA, Petitioner,

v.

CHRISTOPHER PIERCE, Respondent.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I, Seth P. McCutcheon, Deputy Attorney General, a member of the Bar of this Court hereby certify that on **June 15, 2026**, a copy of this **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI** in the above-entitled case were mailed, first class postage prepaid to:

**Marta Vanlandingham
Katherine Farkas
Deputy Federal Public Defenders
321 East 2nd Street
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I further certify that all parties required to be served have been served.

Sincerely,

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