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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
Unopposed Request for Third Extension of Time to File Response to Petition for
Certiorari

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent the respondent in the above-entitled case. I respectfully request that the deadline by which to file a response to the petition for certiorari be extended by 14 days, from September 9 to September 23, 2026. This is a capital case. The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on May 19, and the response was originally due on July 9. Respondent previously requested and received an extension to August 10 and then an extension to September 9.

Petitioner's counsel have advised me they do not oppose this request. The extension is requested because California's Office of the Solicitor General, which has responsibility for revising and approving Briefs in Opposition to petitions for certiorari, has been unable to complete its review, due to a heavy press of other cases.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the due date for the response to the petition for a writ of certiorari be extended to September 23, 2026.

Sincerely,

/s/ Seth P. McCutcheon
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cc: Marta VanLandingham and Katherine Farkas, Counsel for Petitioner