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*Via Electronic Filing*

The Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States  
One 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Winckler v. State of South Dakota*, No. 25-7600

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write to request a 16-day extension of the time to file a response to the petition for a writ of *certiorari* in this matter. The response is currently due on July 15, 2026. I request that the deadline be extended to and include July 31, 2026.

There is good cause for this request. The petition was docketed on June 9, 2026, at which time I was in St. Paul, Minnesota, for argument in the United States Court of Appeals for the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit in the matter of *Dakotans for Health v. Johnson*, No. 25-4050, and did not return to my office until June 10, 2026. Upon my return, my time was completely absorbed by expedited preliminary injunction proceedings in the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota in the matter of *Mayday Health v. Governor Larry Rhoden*, No. 26-4096, which seeks to enjoin a state criminal statute that will become effective July 1, 2026. This entailed time-consuming briefing filed on June 12, 16, 22 and 25, 2026, as well as preparing for and attending the preliminary injunction hearing on June 23, 2026. I am now able to turn my attention to this matter.

A 16-day extension will afford me the same number of days to file the State of South Dakota's brief in opposition as respondent would have had but for the other matters that unavoidably demanded my attention.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Paul S. Swedlund*

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