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

Re: *Andrew J. Johnston, Petitioner v. United States, Respondent*, No. 25-905

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent Petitioner Andrew J. Johnston in the above-referenced matter. The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on January 23, 2026. The Court requested a response from the government due on March 13, 2026. On March 6, 2026, the government sought an extension of time to file its response up to and including April 13, 2026.

Although Petitioner does not oppose the government's extension request, Petitioner respectfully requests that the extension be limited and not renewed, as further delay will erode the relief Mr. Johnston seeks.

As explained in the petition, this case presents the question whether the district court erred in granting only a 10% sentence reduction where the government had requested a 25% reduction. Mr. Johnston's current projected release date is April 15, 2028.¹ If the Court were to grant certiorari and reverse, and Mr. Johnston were ultimately to receive the full 25% sentence reduction, his projected release date would move to April 2026. Every month of additional delay in this proceeding is therefore a month of potential sentence reduction that Mr. Johnston cannot recover. While Petitioner does not suggest that further delay would moot the petition—a decision by the end of the Court's October 2026 Term would still afford him meaningful relief—each extension nonetheless directly diminishes the practical value of a favorable ruling.

For these reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court hold the government to the requested April 13 deadline and to entertain no further extensions. Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

¹ See *Find an Inmate*, BUREAU OF PRISONS, <https://www.bop.gov/inmateloc/> (search in search bar for “Andrew J Johnston”; then scroll to “Release Date”) (last visited March 9, 2026).

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Respectfully submitted,

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