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Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 13(5), 22, and 30, the Applicant, William T. Cooley, requests a sixty-day extension of time, to and including June 5, 2026, to file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari. Unless an extension is granted, the deadline for filing the petition for a writ of certiorari will be April 6, 2026. This Application is being filed more than 10 days before that date.

In support of this application, Applicant states the following:

1. The Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (CAAF) issued its decision on January 6, 2026. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1259(3). A copy of the CAAF's disposition order is attached.

2. Applicant, formerly a major general (O-8) in the United States Air Force, was tried by a military judge sitting as a general court-martial. *United States v. Cooley*, No. ACM 40438 (f rev), 2025 CCA LEXIS 342, at *1 (A.F. Ct. Crim. App. July 29, 2025). Applicant was convicted of one charge and specification of abusive sexual contact, in violation of 10 U.S.C. § 920. *Id.* Applicant was sentenced to forfeit pay in the amount of \$10,910.00 per month, for five months, and a reprimand. *Id.* at *1-2.

3. Following his conviction, Applicant appealed to the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals (Air Force Court). *See generally id.* The Air Force Court found no error and provided no relief. *Id.* at *2-3.

4. Applicant petitioned the CAAF to review the Air Force Court's decision. The CAAF denied Applicant's petition for review on January 6, 2026.

5. Applicant's most-recent Air Force Appellate Defense Counsel, Major Trevor Ward, is Applicant's counsel for the purposes of his Petition for a Writ of Certiorari. But Major Ward is also detailed to sixteen other cases, including another case that will also be filing a petition for a writ of certiorari to this Court. Since the CAAF's decision in this case, counsel's statutory obligations in representing other clients required him to complete briefing in a variety of other cases before the Air Force Court and the CAAF. Moreover, counsel is scheduled for a permanent change of assignment (PCA) in July of this year. This has required significant time for counsel to obtain a higher security clearance for the new assignment, as well as conducting transition interviews with the new assignment's leadership.

6. Further, the printing process required for Applicant's petition must be processed through a federal government agency (the Air Force), which has payment and processing requirements a private firm does not. The procurement process for a printing job cannot be forecasted with certainty, often has delays, and cuts approximately two weeks out of undersigned counsel's time to finalize the petition for a writ of certiorari.

7. Applicant thus requests a 60-day extension for counsel to prepare a petition that fully addresses the issues raised by the decision below and frames those issues in a manner that will be most helpful to the Court.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that an order be entered extending the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari up to, and including, June 5, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



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