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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRAIG WOOD,

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Respondent.

(CAPITAL CASE)

**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

*To the Honorable Brett M. Kavanaugh, Associate Justice, and Circuit Justice for
the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit:*

In this capital case and under United States Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Petitioner Craig Wood respectfully applies for a 30-day extension of time, to and including June 24, 2026, to file his petition for a writ of certiorari in this Court. In support of this application, Mr. Wood states:

1. Mr. Wood is a Missouri death-sentenced prisoner currently housed at the Potosi Correctional Center in Mineral Point, Missouri.

2. Mr. Wood appealed the denial of his state postconviction motion to the Missouri Supreme Court, bringing several constitutional claims to the court. The Missouri Supreme Court heard oral argument and affirmed the denial of relief in an opinion issued on January 13, 2026. *Wood v. State of Missouri*, 728 S.W.3d 416 (Mo. Banc 2026). Mr. Wood sought rehearing and the Missouri Supreme Court denied the petition on February 24, 2026.

3. Mr. Wood seeks review in this Court of the Missouri Supreme Court's decision.

4. Mr. Wood's time for petitioning this Court for a writ of certiorari currently expires on May 25, 2026.

5. Mr. Wood is indigent, and the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri has appointed undersigned counsel to represent him on his petition for writ of habeas corpus to be pursued in the district court.

6. Counsel for Mr. Wood have a duty to present a reasoned petition for a writ of certiorari to this Court. Due to counsel's pre-existing professional obligations in other cases, counsel requests an extension of the deadline in this case. These other obligations include the following: Mr. Weis and Ms. Schenley have an late-May deadline for filing a petition for executive clemency with the Governor of Kansas on behalf of a death sentenced man in Kansas. Mr. Weis was also involved in the preparation and filing of an application for executive clemency on behalf of John Robinson, another Kansas capital

defendant, on April 29, 2026.

7. Mr. Wood has not previously petitioned this Court for an extension of time in which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari.

8. This application is made in good faith and not for purposes of delay.

Wherefore, Mr. Wood respectfully requests this Court to issue an order establishing the due date for his petition for a writ of certiorari as **Wednesday, June 24, 2026.**

Respectfully submitted,

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