

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JASON A. CZEKALSKI
Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

HELEN HANKS, ET AL.
Defendants - Appellees

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR
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NOW COMES the petitioner, Jason A. Czekalski, pro se, and files this Motion for Extension of Time to File Petition for Writ of Certiorari, and states as follows:

1. Petitioner is an incarcerated person.
2. On March 24, 2026, the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit issued an order denying petitioner's petition for rehearing and/or en banc review.
3. This gives petitioner until Monday, June 23, 2026, to file his petition with this Court.
4. However, the New Hampshire Department of Corrections (NHDOC), the defendant in this matter, has followed a pattern of conduct that has interfered with petitioner's ability to prepare his petition.

LAW LIBRARY ACCESS

5. Petitioner is allowed two 2½-hour law library sessions per week, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.
6. For a period of five (5) weeks from early April to Mid-May, the law library was closed for six (6) of the 10 sessions petitioner should have had access to it.

7. Petitioner has filed a grievance regarding this issue, and for the moment, inmates are receiving regular access to the law library.

8. However, given prior years' experience with NHDOC, closures will occur again as warm weather arrives.

9. Additionally, some months back, significant portions of both Corpus Juris Secundum and West's Federal Practice series were removed from the law library and placed in storage.

10. On May 9, 2026, after making repeated verbal requests, petitioner sent a written request to Ms. Laura Hardwick, Supervisor of Education for NHDOC, asking to have those books placed back in the library.

11. This has yet to happen, and petitioner is getting nothing but excuses as to why it hasn't happened yet.

LEXIS ACCESS

12. As an adjunct to the law library, NHDOC inmates have access to LEXIS on their NHDOC-issued tablets.

13. However, since early May, the Wi-Fi for that system has been down constantly, often 30+ hours per week during daytime and evening hours.

14. As a result, even this alternative has not been sufficiently available to allow petitioner to prepare his petition.

15. And given that maintenance staff is claiming that the outages are weather (heat) related, these outages are only likely to continue or even expand as warmer weather arrives.

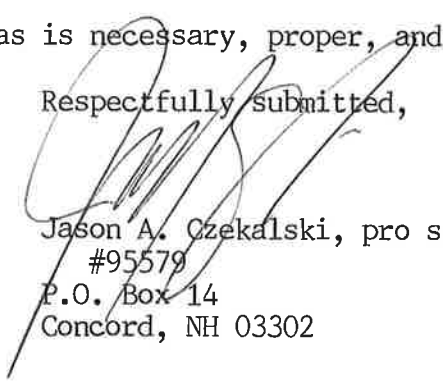
CONCLUSION

16. Based on past and present obstacles created by NHDOC in this case, and the likelihood of the continuance and/or expansion of those obstacles, petitioner foresees himself needing until mid-August to complete his petition.

WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully requests this honorable Court to:

- A. Grant petitioner and extension until August 22, 2026, to file his petition in this matter; and
- B. Grant other and such relief as is necessary, proper, and just.

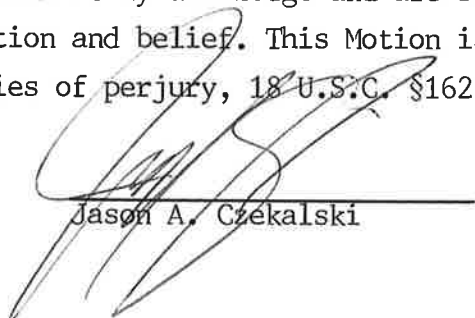
Respectfully submitted,


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CERTIFICATION UNDER OATH

I, Jason A. Czekalski, hereby affirm that all statements of fact made in this Motion are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and are based on facts known personally to me or on information and belief. This Motion is signed and submitted under the pains and penalties of perjury, 18 U.S.C. §1621.

5/23/26
Date



Jason A. Czekalski

United States Court of Appeals For the First Circuit

No. 23-1561

JASON A. CZEKALSKI,

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v.

HELEN HANKS, Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Corrections, in both the individual and official capacity; JAMES DALY, Chaplain, New Hampshire State Prison for Men, in both the individual and official capacity,

Defendants - Appellees.

Before

Gelpí, Kayatta, and Rikelman,
Circuit Judges.

JUDGMENT

Entered: October 27, 2025

Plaintiff-Appellant Jason A. Czekalski appeals from the district court's entry of judgment in the underlying matter concerning claims invoking the First Amendment, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000cc, et seq. Appellant's claims touched on a variety of topics, including feed schedules, head coverings, and limits on the number of books an inmate may store in his cell (this list is not meant to be exhaustive). Over the course of several memoranda addressing Rule 12(b)(6) motions to dismiss and Rule 56 motions for summary judgment, the district court addressed each of appellant's claims. In the end, appellant garnered injunctive relief in relation to one of his claims and partial grant of his motion for costs. The remainder of his claims were dismissed pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) or were the subject of grants of summary judgment to the defendants, and the district court denied a request for Rule 11 sanctions.

We have considered each of the arguments set out by appellant in his opening brief. Upon application of the appropriate standard of review to each argument, we conclude that affirmance is in order. See Local Rule 27.0(c) (court may summarily affirm under appropriate circumstances); N. New England Tel. Operations LLC v. Loc. 2327, Int'l Bhd. of Elec. Workers, AFL-CIO, 735 F.3d 15, 24 (1st Cir. 2013) ("A district court's decision to grant or deny a request for costs and fees is reviewed for a manifest abuse of discretion.") (internal quotation marks omitted); Chadwick v.

Wellpoint, Inc., 561 F.3d 38, 43 (1st Cir. 2009) (de novo standard of review and general summary judgment principles); Remexcel Managerial Consultants, Inc. v. Arlequin, 583 F.3d 45, 51 (1st Cir. 2009) (rulings on requests for entry of default judgment are reviewed for abuse of discretion); Blackstone Realty LLC v. F.D.I.C., 244 F.3d 193, 197 (1st Cir. 2001) (Rule 12(b)(6) dismissals reviewed de novo); Silva v. Witschen, 19 F.3d 725, 727 (1st Cir. 1994) ("All aspects of the Rule 11 sanctions decision are reviewed for abuse of discretion.").

In briefing, appellant describes how, in his view, the litigation should have proceeded and concluded. However, appellant fails to develop any argument based on legitimately supportive authority that might lead us to question the district court's handling of the matter. See Erickson v. Pardus, 551 U.S. 89, 94 (2007) (court reviews pro se filings liberally); United States v. Zannino, 895 F.2d 1, 17 (1st Cir. 1990) (insufficiently developed claims are waived).

The judgment of the district court is **AFFIRMED**.

By the Court:

Anastasia Dubrovsky, Clerk

cc:

Jason A. Czekalski

Anthony J. Galdieri

Nathan W. Kenison-Marvin

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Barron, Chief Judge,
Kayatta, Gelpí, Montecalvo,
Rikelman, Aframe, and Dunlap, Circuit Judges.

ORDER OF COURT

Entered: March 24, 2026

The petition for rehearing having been denied by the panel of judges who decided the case, and the petition for rehearing en banc having been submitted to the active judges of this court and a majority of the judges not having voted that the case be heard en banc, it is ordered that the petition for rehearing and petition for rehearing en banc be denied.

By the Court:

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cc:

Jason A. Czekalski, Anthony J. Galdieri, Nathan W. Kenison-Marvin