

No. 25-6011

In the Supreme Court of the United States

JOHN DE LIGHT,

Petitioner,

v.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, et al.,

Respondents.

**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PAY DOCKETING FEE AND FILE
PETITION IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 33.1**

JOHN DE LIGHT

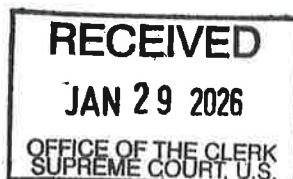
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(Sup. Ct. R. 13.5; R. 30.3)

To the Honorable Elena Kagan, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (Circuit Justice for the Ninth Circuit):

Petitioner John De Light, proceeding pro se, respectfully applies for an extension of time to comply with the Court's docket entry dated January 12, 2026, which provides:

“The motion of petitioner for leave to proceed in forma pauperis is denied. Petitioner is allowed until February 2, 2026, within which to pay the docketing fee required by Rule 38(a) and to submit a petition in compliance with Rule 33.1 of the Rules of this Court.”

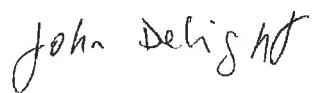
1. **Relief requested.** Petitioner requests a **60-day extension**, extending the current deadline of **February 2, 2026** to **April 3, 2026**, to: (1) pay the Rule 38(a) docketing fee; and (2) submit the petition in compliance with Rule 33.1.
2. **Timeliness of this application.** This application is submitted more than **10 days before** the February 2, 2026 deadline and is made pursuant to Rules 13.5 and 30.3.
3. **Good cause.** Good cause exists because:
 - a. **IFP denial requires paid-case compliance and substantial printing/logistics.** After denial of in forma pauperis status, Petitioner must re-submit in compliance with **Rule 33.1** (booklet-format requirements and the number of copies required), creating significant production and shipping burdens for a pro se litigant.
 - b. **Immediate financial hardship; funds pending.** Petitioner has been granted unemployment benefits in Iowa, but payments have not yet been received. Petitioner needs additional time to obtain funds necessary to pay the docketing fee and to cover the printing and delivery costs required for Rule 33.1 compliance.
 - c. **Conflicting mandatory deadlines in state appellate proceedings.** Since the Court's January 12, 2026 entry, Petitioner has been required to meet imminent, court-imposed deadlines in related California Court of Appeal matters, substantially limiting the time available to reformat, print, and re-submit the petition in paid-case form.
4. **Position of respondents.** Petitioner sent an electronic request to Respondents requesting stipulation for this motion, but as of the day and time of the filing of this petition, Petitioner has not received respondents' position on this request.

Petitioner is serving this application on respondents or their counsel of record.

Petitioner submits this application in good faith and not for delay. Denial would materially impair Petitioner's ability to comply with the Court's paid-case requirements within the current period.

Dated: **January 23, 2026**

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on **January 23, 2026**, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Application for Extension of Time** on each respondent or counsel for respondent at the addresses below by **[U.S. Mail, first-class] / [Priority Mail] / [FedEx]**, postage prepaid:

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Clerk of the Court

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