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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

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**NELSON E. WILLIS,  
Petitioner,**

**v.**

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT,  
Respondent.**

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**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
(Supreme Court Rule 13.5)**

**To the Honorable Samuel A. Alito, Jr.,  
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States  
and Circuit Justice for the Fifth Circuit:**

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Petitioner Nelson E. Willis, proceeding pro se, respectfully applies for an extension of sixty (60) days within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari seeking review of the December 9, 2025 order of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in *In re Nelson Willis*, No. 25-40689.

**1. Judgment Sought to Be Reviewed**

The judgment sought to be reviewed is the December 9, 2025 order of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit denying Petitioner's petition for a writ of mandamus in Case No. 25-40689.

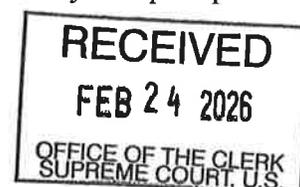
**2. Jurisdiction**

This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1). Under Supreme Court Rule 13.3, the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari runs from the date of entry of judgment.

**3. Good Cause for Extension**

Good cause exists for the requested extension:

a. Petitioner is proceeding pro se and litigated simultaneously in related proceedings before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, creating a procedurally complex posture.



b. The December 9, 2025 order addressed multiple procedural matters, requiring careful review and analysis before preparation of a petition for writ of certiorari.

c. Petitioner has begun preparation of a petition raising constitutional and structural questions but requires additional time to ensure compliance with this Court's Rules, including preparation of the appendix.

d. Petitioner faces practical and financial constraints as a pro se litigant, supporting a modest extension to permit proper presentation of the issues.

4. Length of Extension Requested

Petitioner respectfully requests an extension of sixty (60) days from the current deadline of March 9, 2026.

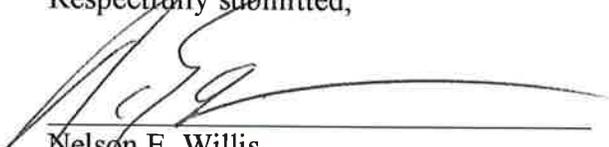
5. Prior Extensions

No prior extensions have been requested.

**CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: February 18, 2026

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Nelson E. Willis, Petitioner, Pro Se, hereby certify that on February \_\_\_\_, 2026, I deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Application for Extension of Time to File a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari, addressed to:

Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

I further certify that on the same date, I served true and correct copies of the foregoing Application upon all counsel of record for the real parties in interest in Fifth Circuit Case No. 25-40689, including:

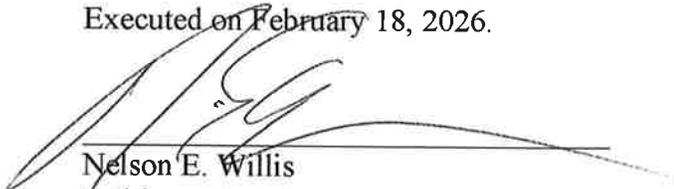
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Service upon counsel was effected by depositing copies in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and/or by electronic mail to the addresses of record.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 18, 2026.



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**FILED**

December 9, 2025

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

IN RE NELSON WILLIS,

*Petitioner.*

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Petition for a Writ of Mandamus  
to the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of Texas  
USDC No. 4:23-CV-732

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**UNPUBLISHED ORDER**

Before ELROD, *Chief Judge*, and SMITH and GRAVES, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM:

Construing the petition for writ of mandamus and subsequent filings as motions for recall of the mandate and reconsideration of various previous opinions and orders, IT IS ORDERED that the motions are DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that to the extent that the petition for writ of mandamus seeks mandamus against the Clerk's Office, the petition is DENIED. The court has reviewed the filings in Petitioner's case and has found no grounds for mandamus. To the extent that a single filing was misfiled in Petitioner's appeal rather than the instant mandamus, that filing was corrected, and Petitioner is reminded to label all communications with the court with the appropriate case number.

The matters raised in this motion regarding judicial conduct have been referred to the Office of General Counsel and Mediation as a Judicial Conduct and Disability complaint.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that to the extent the petition seeks action from the Supreme Court of the United States, the petition is DENIED for lack of jurisdiction. Nothing in this order or any prior opinions or orders in Petitioner's original appeal should be construed as denying Petitioner's right to seek review by the Supreme Court of the United States.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in future, Petitioner shall communicate with the Clerk's Office exclusively in writing.