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The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Matthews v. Louisiana*, No. 26-218

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, the State of Louisiana respectfully requests an extension of 30 days, to and including November 28, 2026, within which to file its brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari in *Matthews v. Louisiana*, No. 26-218. The Court docketed the petition on August 17, 2026. The State filed a response waiver on September 16, 2026. The Court requested a response on September 29, 2026. The State's brief in opposition is currently due on October 29, 2026.

This is the State's first request for an extension of time. The extension is needed in light of other deadlines and conflicts faced by undersigned counsel of record for the State, including a reply in support of the petition for writ of certiorari in *Westcott v. Voice of the Experienced*, No. 26-18, to be filed on October 20; a reply in support of the application to vacate in *Louisiana v. Devon Energy Production Co., L.P.*, No. 26A499, to be filed on October 22; a petition for writ of certiorari arising out of, *Murray v. LeBlanc*, 2026 WL 1961125 (5th Cir. July 7, 2026), to be filed on October 26; and a reply in support of the conditional petition for writ of certiorari in *Brumley v. Roake*, No. 25-1360, to be filed on November 3.



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Respectfully submitted,

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