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Hon. Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

RE: *Combs v. Gaughan*, Case No. 26-5270 CAPITAL CASE
Request for Extension of Time to File Brief in Opposition to Petition for Certiorari

Dear Mr. Harris:

This office represents the respondent in the above-referenced capital case. The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on August 5, 2026. The brief in opposition is currently due on October 9, 2026. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, I respectfully request that the time for filing the brief be extended by 21 days, to October 30, 2026. Respondent has previously requested and been granted one 30-day extension in this matter.

An extension of time would better enable preparation of a response that would be most helpful to the Court. The preparation of this response requires consultation and review across the Department of Justice, including with the Office of the Solicitor General. Counsel responsible for drafting and reviewing this response have a number of other professional commitments and court deadlines.

Petitioner's counsel of record, C. Pamela Gómez, has advised me that petitioner does not oppose this request.

Sincerely,

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