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Via ECF

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

Re: *Derek Sales v. State of Arkansas*, No. 26-5664

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent State of Arkansas respectfully requests an extension of 30 days within which to file its brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in *Derek Sales v. State of Arkansas*, No. 26-5664, making the new deadline November 25, 2026. The Court docketed the petition on September 21, 2026, following the extension of time the Petitioner Sales received. The State's response is currently due on October 26, 2026.

This is the State's first request for an extension of time. The extension of time is needed in light of the other deadlines and conflicts faced by the State's counsel of record, Christian Harris. During the briefing period, counsel has had supervisory duties over all of the criminal appellate filings of the Criminal Division of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office in the Supreme Court of Arkansas and the Arkansas Court of Appeals, which encompassed editing approximately 85 appellate briefs during the briefing period, as well as counsel's own deadlines in response to several state-court extraordinary writ petitions and other federal filings. As a result, undersigned counsel needs an extension of time to complete the response to the issues presented in the pending petition.

The proposed 30-day extension will not prejudice any party. Counsel for Petitioner Sales has been contacted and has graciously stated that he does not oppose the extension.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Christian Harris

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