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IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

STEVE KARACSON
Applicant,

v.

DAVID SHAVER, Warden

**APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE A
PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES
COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT**

To the Honorable Brett M. Kavanaugh, Circuit Justice for the United States
Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit:

1. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Applicant Steve Karacson requests an extension of thirty (30) days to file a petition for a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the Sixth Circuit in *Karacson v. Shaver*, 176 F.4th 525 (6th Cir. 2026), a copy of which is attached. In support of this application, Applicant states:

2. The Sixth Circuit entered its judgment on May 20, 2026. Unless extended, the time for filing a petition for writ of certiorari will expire on August 18, 2026. The jurisdiction of this Court would be invoked under 28 U.S.C. §1254(1). In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Applicant is filing this application at least ten days before the current due date.

3. Applicant was granted a certificate of appealability to appeal the denial of federal habeas relief based on an alleged violation of his Sixth Amendment right to counsel. There is no question that Applicant went to trial without counsel. The sole question was whether Applicant waived his right to counsel when he asked for *new* counsel and responded to the trial court's question about whether he wished to represent himself during jury selection with silence. As the Sixth Circuit opinion acknowledges, the answer to this question turns in part on the "level of generality" one applies to this Court's precedents when determining whether they "clearly establish" federal law. *Karacson*, 176 F.4th at 533; 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d)(1). This is a question that has long vexed the lower courts. *See, e.g., Andrew v. White*, 604 U.S. 86 (2025).

4. Applicant is considering filing a petition for a writ of certiorari in this case. The additional time sought is needed in light of the competing responsibilities of counsel handling this case, including preparing an amicus brief to be filed before this Court in *Kian v. Florida*, a certiorari petition in *DeBruyn v. Douglas*, and oral arguments before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Seventh and Tenth Circuits. Applicant therefore respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time in light of the complexity and importance of the issues presented, and to permit further consultation regarding the ramifications of the decision below and, if certiorari is authorized, to prepare the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

Opinion - Karacson v. Shaver, 176 F.4th 525 (6th Cir. 2026)