

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Seventh Circuit Appeal No. 24-2298

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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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MITCHELL MELEGA,

*Petitioner,*

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Respondent.*

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**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE  
PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

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To the Honorable Amy Coney Barrett, Associate Justice for the Supreme Court  
of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Seventh Circuit:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 13.5, 22, and 20.2, Petitioner Mitchell Melega, through counsel and pursuant to the attached affidavit of counsel (Exhibit A), respectfully requests that the time to file a Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this matter be extended for forty-five days to and including October 28, 2026. Counsel was appointed pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act of 1964 (“CJA”). (Exhibit B - Appointment Order.)

On April 24, 2026, the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit issued its opinion affirming Mr. Melega’s sentence in his federal case. (Exhibit C -

Court of Appeals Opinion.) Mr. Melega filed a timely petition for rehearing, and on June 15, 2026, the court denied that petition. (Exhibit D – Order Denying Petition for Rehearing.) Therefore, absent an extension of time, Mr. Dixon’s Petition would be due on September 13, 2026, a Sunday, making the actual deadline September 14, 2026.

Petitioner is filing this Application at least ten days before that date. *See* S. Ct. R. 13.5. This Court would have jurisdiction over the judgment of the District Court for the Central District of Illinois and Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit under 18 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

For the foregoing reasons, and pursuant to the attached affidavit of counsel, Mr. Melega respectfully requests that the Court extend the time to file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in this matter forty-five days to and including October 28, 2026.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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