

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Sebastian A. Campbell
Petitioner

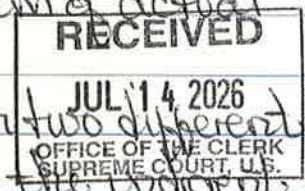
Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals
Respondent

Case No: _____

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

Comes now Sebastian Campbell, herein "Petitioner", pro se, and pursuant to USCS.Ct.R. 13.5 and 30.3, respectfully applies to the Honorable Justice assigned to the Fourth Circuit for an extension of time to file a petition for writ of certiorari to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals for the reasons set forth below.

- ① Petitioner is a prisoner confined at Western Correctional Inst. ("WCI") whose timely petition for rehearing on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals' refusal to grant a certificate of appealability after the District Court of Maryland denied his petition for writ of habeas corpus, was denied on March 24, 2026. Jurisdiction is conferred through 28 USC § 1254. In this matter Petitioner's gateway claim of actual innocence, as well as other claims were denied on untenable grounds.
- ② In a separate matter, on March 23, 2026, the Supreme Court of Maryland denied Petitioner's timely submitted petition for rehearing on the denial of his freestanding claim of actual innocence.
- ③ The final judgment on two separate matters in two different courts was issued only one day apart, leaving the urgent



pro se Petitioner with the daunting task of drafting two critical petitions to this Court simultaneously in a 90-day period. Even if that fact alone would not independently generate good cause for an extension, Petitioner is incarcerated in a maximum security facility that has been decimated by the nationally recognized epidemic of correctional staff deficiencies. Over the past year WCS has only allowed prisoners in general population a cumulative total of 19 days outside the cell where, during normal operations, inmates receive a minimum of 60 days. By comparison, an inmate in full disciplinary segregation is mandated by law to receive 15 days (365 hours) out of the cell per year. The attenuated access to legal resources due to insufficient staff has catastrophically diminished Petitioner's ability to meet the established deadline, despite his diligent efforts.

④ Accordingly, Petitioner respectfully requests an extension of 60 days to perfect his petition; up to and including August 20, 2026 to file his petition for writ of certiorari to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sebastian Campbell, did, on this 3rd day of July, 2026, serve a copy of Petitioner's Application for Extension of Time to File Petition for Writ of Certiorari by First Class, U.S. Mail with postage prepaid upon the Office of the Maryland Attorney General, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: July 3, 2026

 Sebastian Campbell

FILED: February 4, 2026

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 24-6800
(1:21-cv-03127-LKG)

SEBASTIAN A. CAMPBELL

Petitioner - Appellant

v.

WARDEN JEFF NINES; MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL

Respondents - Appellees

J U D G M E N T

In accordance with the decision of this court, a certificate of appealability is denied and the appeal is dismissed.

This judgment shall take effect upon issuance of this court's mandate in accordance with Fed. R. App. P. 41.

/s/ NWAMAKA ANOWI, CLERK

PER CURIAM:

Sebastian A. Campbell seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition. The order is not appealable unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1)(A). A certificate of appealability will not issue absent "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). When the district court denies relief on the merits, a prisoner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that reasonable jurists could find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong. *See Buck v. Davis*, 580 U.S. 100, 115-17 (2017). When the district court denies relief on procedural grounds, the prisoner must demonstrate both that the dispositive procedural ruling is debatable and that the petition states a debatable claim of the denial of a constitutional right. *Gonzalez v. Thaler*, 565 U.S. 134, 140-41 (2012) (citing *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000)).

We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Campbell has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED

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O R D E R

The court grants the motion for extension and extends the time for filing the petition for rehearing, and accepts the petition for rehearing as timely filed.

This court's mandate issued **02/26/2026**, is recalled for the limited purpose of considering a timely petition for panel and/or en banc rehearing.

For the Court--By Direction

/s/ Nwamaka Anowi, Clerk

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ORDER

The court denies the petition for rehearing.

Entered at the direction of the panel: Judge Niemeyer, Judge Berner, and
Senior Judge Keenan.

For the Court

/s/ Nwamaka Anowi, Clerk

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