In the
Supreme Court of the United States

JAMES C. WENZLER,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
AND KEVIN E. LUNDAY,

Respondents.

**APPLICATION TO THE
HON. AMY CONEY BARRETT
FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO
THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE
SEVENTH CIRCUIT**

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Under 28 U.S.C. § 2101(c) and Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Applicant James C. Wenzler respectfully requests a 45-day extension of time, to and including December 17, 2026, to file his petition for a writ of certiorari in this Court.

Good cause exists for an extension. In support of this request, I, counsel for Wenzler, state as follows:

1. The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit rendered its decision in No. 25-1896 on June 1, 2026. (App.1).

2. The Seventh Circuit denied rehearing and rehearing en banc on August 4, 2026. (App.10).

3. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

4. This application for extension has been filed at least 10 days before the petition's original deadline of November 2, 2026.

5. A 45-day extension would move the deadline to December 17, 2026.

6. Additional time is needed to prepare a petition that fully addresses the important issues raised by the decision below in the manner most helpful to this Court.

7. Counsel of Record for Respondents does not oppose the extension.

8. My October has been busy. For example, I filed an amicus brief in this Court on October 9 (No. 26-336); that same day, I served as lead counsel at an evidentiary hearing in a criminal matter (Wisconsin state court, Dane County Case No. 26CM1787); I helped prepare an amicus brief that was filed in the Wisconsin

Court of Appeals on October 12 (No. 26AP1258); I moved for partial summary judgment in a tort case on October 13 (Wisconsin state court, Oconto County Case No. 26CV4); I prepared discovery responses and objections in a civil-rights case, which were due on October 14 (Wisconsin state court, Dane County Case No. 25CV173); and I participated in a default-judgment hearing on October 15 (Wisconsin state court, Marathon County Case No. 26CV171).

9. Because of these other matters, I have not had enough time to prepare a worthy petition.

For these reasons, Wenzler respectfully requests a 45-day extension of time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari, to and including December 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of October, 2026,

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