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IN THE

Supreme Court of the United States

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Jersom Andu Mena - Petitioner,

vs.

United States of America - Respondent.

Application for Extension of Time Within
Which to File for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals
for the Eighth Circuit

**APPLICATION DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICE
BRETT KAVANAUGH AS CIRCUIT JUSTICE**

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Comes Now petitioner Jersom Andu Mena, through his attorney of record, Appellate Chief for the Federal Public Defender Heather Quick, who, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5, requests an additional thirty days in which to file a petition in this Court seeking certiorari to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, up through Thursday, August 27, 2026. In support, counsel submits as follows:

JUDGMENT FOR WHICH REVIEW IS SOUGHT

Petitioner seeks an extension to file a petition for writ of certiorari. Petitioner is requesting review of the judgment issued by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals on April 29, 2026, affirming the petitioner's conviction and sentence.

JURISDICTION

This Court will have jurisdiction over the timely filed petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1). Under Supreme Court Rules 13.1, 13.3, and 30.1, the current deadline for the filing of a petition for writ of certiorari is Tuesday, July 28, 2026. Petitioner files this request for additional time at least 10 days before the date the petition is currently due, in compliance with Supreme Court Rule 13.5.

REASONS FOR APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION

Defense counsel has a variety of other obligations before the federal judiciary. For example, in the last month counsel of record has submitted four appellant's brief and a reply brief to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. The undersigned has also submitted a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to this Court in another matter. Further, in the next four weeks, counsel of record has four initial briefs and a reply brief due

to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Finally, the undersigned also has another Petition for Writ of Certiorari due to this Court in that time.

These obligations will make it difficult for counsel to finalize and file a satisfactory petition by the current deadline, despite counsel's diligent efforts to do so.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant a 30-day extension, to and including Thursday, August 27, 2026, in which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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