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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM

Hon. Scott S. Harris, Clerk Supreme Court of the United States Office of the Clerk 1 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20543

## Re: *Feanyichi Ezekwesi Uvukansi v. Texas*, No. 21-151; <u>Request for Extension of Time to File Brief in Opposition</u>

Dear Hon. Harris:

My Office, the Attorney General of Texas, represents the State of Texas in the above referenced appeal. By letter dated September 21, 2021, the Court asked the State to file a brief in opposition to Petitioner's petition for writ of certiorari—presently due to be filed on or before October 21, 2021. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, this is a request for a **32-day** extension of time, up to and including **Monday, November 22, 2021**, in which to file that brief.

An extension of time is needed because my Office was not involved in any of the state-court litigation below. Instead, the Harris County District Attorney represented the State, and only recently requested the assistance of my Office for purposes of filing a brief in opposition. As a result, my Office has not yet had sufficient time to examine the record below as it relates to Petitioner's challenged Texas conviction. And absent such review, I am not yet able to determine the appropriate responses to the Questions Presented in the petition.

I contacted Randolph L. Schaffer, Jr., counsel of record for Mr. Uvukansi, on October 12, 2021—and Mr. Schaffer confirmed that he is *not* opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will also be emailed to Mr. Schaffer.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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