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August 14, 2024

Supreme Court of the United States Office of the Clerk c/o Scott S. Harris Clerk of the Court Washington, DC 20543-0001

> Re: Mason Murphy v. Michael Schmitt No. 23-1228

Dear Mr. Harris:

Our firm represent Respondent, Michael Schmitt, in the above referenced matter. We have been requested to file a response to Petitioner's writ of certiorari on or before August 14, 2024. In accordance with rule 30.4, we respectfully the time to file a response be extended for 14 days, up to and including August 28, 2024.

On May 10, 2024, a petition for writ of certiorari was filed in the above case. On June 6, 2024, Respondent waived his right to file a response to the petition for writ of certiorari. On July 15, 2024, the Supreme Court requested that Respondent file a response to the petition for writ of certiorari. Without an extension of time, Respondent's response is due on or before August 14, 2024.

When we received the request to file a response on July 15th, multiple attorneys in our office already had commitments for the latter part of July and early August that took them away from the office for extended periods of time. Additionally, we had cases in both federal and state court with pressing deadlines between July 15th and August 14th. While we have worked diligently to get our response on file by August 14, 2024, we have run into difficulties procuring a printing company to print the required copies of the brief for the Court. Furthermore, we would like additional time to review the brief to ensure that the issues presented are set before the Court in the most clear and succinct way possible.

Therefore, we would like to request that the August 14, 2024, deadline for Respondent file a response be extended fourteen (14) days up to and including August 28, 2024.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael G. Berry