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Scott S. Harris, Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: 23-1324, *Perttu v. Richards*

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel for the Respondent Mr. Kyle Brandon Richards in No. 23-1324, appointed by the Sixth Circuit. The petition was filed on June 17, and the brief in opposition is currently due on July 17. Despite multiple requests and diligent efforts, I have been unable to speak with my client, who is incarcerated in the Michigan Department of Corrections. I cannot prepare an appropriate brief in response to the petition for certiorari without consulting with Mr. Richards. Accordingly, I respectfully request a 30 day extension of time.

I am sending this letter by email to counsel for Petitioner today, and will also send by email when the post offices are open again on Monday.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scott Ballenger", written in a cursive style.

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