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Office of the Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
1 1st Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Extension of Time

Dear Clerk:

Please liberally construe this pro se letter
as my motion for extension of time in
which to file a petition for writ of certiorari.

My Certificate of Appealability (COA) was
denied by the Seventh Circuit Court of
Appeals on March 22, 2023. Thomas v. U.S.,
No. 23-2078. I have 90 days in which

to timely file my pro se petition for writ of certiorari ergo I have until June 20, 2024 to timely file said petition.

The reasons supporting my request for extension of time until July 22, 2024 are submitted below:

- (1) Bureau of Prisons are experiencing staff shortages which has caused chronic lockdowns, especially here at USP Hazelton.
- (2) Chronic lockdowns prevent me from doing legal research for my petition.
- (3) USP Hazelton has closed the law library, which hinders my access to the court and prevents me from research for my petition. See Attachment.
- (4) I have been chronically ill and taking non-prescription medication that causes

Sickness and prevents me from
putting forth my best efforts in
perfecting my petition.

Accordingly and for all the reasons stated
above, I respectfully ask the Court to grant
my motion and extend the time for timely
filing my petition for writ of Certiorari
to July 22, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

John Thomas
John Thomas
Petitioner, pro se

United States Court of Appeals

For the Seventh Circuit

Chicago, Illinois 60604

Submitted March 21, 2024

Decided March 22, 2024

Before

FRANK H. EASTERBROOK, *Circuit Judge*

ILANA DIAMOND ROVNER, *Circuit Judge*

No. 23-2078

JOHN THOMAS,
Petitioner-Appellant,

Appeal from the United States District
Court for the Southern District of Indiana,
Indianapolis Division.

v.

No. 1:19-cv-05042-RLY-TAB

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent-Appellee.

Richard L. Young,
Judge.

ORDER

John Thomas has filed a notice of appeal from the denial of his motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 and an application for a certificate of appealability. We have reviewed the final order of the district court and the record on appeal and find no substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2).

Accordingly, we deny the request for a certificate of appealability.

****ATTENTION****

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Education Department's Law
Library is closed until further
notice.**

**The Education Department's
Leisure Library is still open
and available during general
programming moves to
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