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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

CHARLES GROVER BRANT

Petitioner,

vs.

**SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, AND ATTORNEY
GENERAL, STATE OF FLORIDA,**

Respondent.

**ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO
THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS**

**APPLICATION FOR A SIXTY-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO
THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS**

**To the Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice of the Supreme
Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Eleventh Circuit:**

Petitioner, CHARLES GROVER BRANT, by and through undersigned counsel, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2101(d) and Rules 13.5 and 30.2 of this Court, respectfully requests an extension of time of sixty (60) days to file a petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals of the Eleventh Circuit, to and including September 6, 2024.

Mr. Brant is an indigent death-sentenced inmate in the custody of the State of

Florida. This Court has jurisdiction to review the decision of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

Mr. Brant was convicted of one count of first-degree murder and sentenced to death in the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Hillsborough County, Florida. This case involves the February 29, 2024, decision of a single judge of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals affirming the denial of an application for a Certificate of Appealability (COA) to appeal the denial of Mr. Brant's petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. *See Brant v. Secretary, Florida Department of Corrections*, No. 23-13124-P (11th Cir. 2024). ("Attachment A"). Brant's timely filed motion for rehearing by a three-judge panel was denied on April 10, 2024. ("Attachment B").

Mr. Brant's time to petition for certiorari in this Court expires on July 8, 2024. This application for a sixty-day extension is being filed more than ten days before that date. Undersigned counsel shows the following good cause in support of this request.

Mr. Brant is represented by counsel appointed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. 3006A. Undersigned counsel is lead and only counsel for Mr. Brant. On the evening of June 18, 2024, undersigned counsel was diagnosed with an unexpected serious illness which usually takes from three to five weeks to recover and for which the treatment, along with medication, is rest and reduction of stress. Undersigned counsel is also lead counsel on several capital and serious non-capital cases being

litigated in the trial courts and federal courts at various stages of the postconviction process. Due to counsel's illness, counsel is unable to prepare a proper petition for writ of certiorari in Mr. Brant's case. If the sixty-day extension of time is granted, counsel's intention is to file a petition for certiorari on or before September 6, 2024. This is Petitioner's first request for an extension of time to file the petition.

Wherefore, Mr. Brant respectfully requests that an order be entered extending his time to petition for certiorari to and including September 6, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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