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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

> DEONTA LOWE, PETITIONER-APPELLANT,

> > v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RESPONDENT-APPELLEE.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI FROM THE JUDGMENT OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT.

TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE THOMAS, Justice of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Eleventh Circuit:

Petitioner, by his attorney and based on Supreme Court Rule 13.5 and Rule 22, and 28 U.S.C. § 2101 respectfully requests a sixty-day extension of time, up to and including February 29, 2025, within which to file a petition for writ of certiorari from the judgment entered by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, issued on October 11, 2024. *See United States v. Lowe*, No. 22-13251, 2024 WL 3649527 (11th Cir. Aug. 5, 2024) (attached hereto as Attachment 1). Mr. Lowe has not previously sought an extension of time from this Court. He files this Application at least ten days before his current deadline, which is December 31, 2024. *See* S.Ct. R. 13.5. The jurisdiction of this Court will be invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

Mr. Lowe asks this Court to extend the deadline because the issues in this case are complex, involving both detailed historical analysis and voluminous Circuit case law that reveals a number of potentially relevant Circuit splits. It will therefore require more time of counsel to prepare a well-researched and polished petition worthy of this Court's time. As well, the undersigned counsel is responsible for a majority of the direct appeals and post-conviction proceedings for the Federal Defenders of the the Middle District of Georgia, Inc., with several briefing deadlines between now and the current certiorari deadline. These further demands on counsel's time may prevent counsel from preparing a competent and concise petition.

Wherefore, since the time within which to file a petition for writ of certiorari in this case will expire on December 31, 2024, unless extended, Mr. Lowe requests that an order be entered extending his time to file a petition for writ of certiorari by thirty days, to and including February 29, 2025.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of December, 2024.

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