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

Re: *Jackie Williams Simpson, et al. v. John Thurston*, No. 23-138

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write on behalf of Appellee Arkansas Secretary of State John Thurston to request a 30-day extension of the deadline to respond to Appellants' jurisdictional statement. With the requested extension, the response would be due on November 1, 2023. Appellants have indicated that they oppose an extension of Appellee's deadline to respond.

A 30-day extension is reasonable and necessary because of other professional obligations. Along with other routine and supervisory responsibilities, I and my staff are currently responsible for drafting a petition for en banc review in the Eighth Circuit, a multistate amicus brief in another matter before this Court, a multistate amicus in the Ninth Circuit, and a motion for filing with the Special Master in an original jurisdiction matter pending before this Court. We are also preparing for a bench trial set to begin in mid-October.

The requested extension will not substantially delay consideration of this appeal. Appellants filed their notice of appeal in the district court on June 12 and utilized their entire 60-day window within which to file their jurisdictional statement. Appellee timely filed his waiver on August 23—more than three weeks prior to the original September 14 deadline to respond to the jurisdictional statement. Appellants will not be prejudiced by Appellee having the same amount of time to draft his response as Appellants had to draft their statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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