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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 23-0335

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IN THE MATTER OF:

O.K.,

Respondent and Appellant.

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**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND DECLARATION IN SUPPORT**

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The Appellee, State of Montana, respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time until June 1, 2025, in which to prepare, file, and serve its response brief in the above-entitled matter.

In support of this motion, undersigned counsel submits the following Declaration.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of April, 2025.

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By: /s/ Christine Hutchison  
CHRISTINE HUTCHISON  
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### **DECLARATION**

Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 1-6-105, I, Christine Hutchison, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a licensed, practicing attorney in the State of Montana, and am currently employed by the Montana Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Appellate Services Bureau, as an Assistant Attorney General.
2. In my capacity as Assistant Attorney General, I have been assigned to handle the above-entitled matter.
3. The brief is presently due on May 2, 2025. This is the State's fourth extension request, and I am requesting a 30-day extension of time until June 1, 2025, to file my brief.

4. I have been unable to complete this case due to my workload.

Additional time is needed to review the record, research, consult with the trial prosecutor, and draft the response.

In the last month I have filed response briefs in *State v. Welzel*, DA 23-0450 and *Gonzalo v. Green*, OP 25-0049.

5. Opposing counsel has been contacted concerning this motion and does not object.

6. I will work diligently to complete the briefing within the requested period.

7. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of April, 2025.

/s/ Christine Hutchison  
CHRISTINE HUTCHISON

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Christine M. Hutchison, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - Unopposed to the following on 04-21-2025:

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Dated: 04-21-2025