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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

August 23, 2018

The Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Jorge Avila Torrez v. United States,  
No. 17-1189

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on February 22, 2018, and placed on the docket on February 23, 2018. The government's response is now due, after five extensions, on August 24, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including September 24, 2018, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for final preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of other matters before the Court.

Counsel for petitioner does not object to this further extension of time.

Sincerely,

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