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

Re: *Ndioba Niang, et al. v. Brittany Tomblinson, et al.*,
S. Ct. No. 17-1428

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on April 11, 2018, and placed on the docket on April 13, 2018. The government's response is due on June 13, 2018 after a previously-granted extension. This petition is currently scheduled for the Court's first conference next term.

We request, under Rule 30.4, a further extension of time to and including August 15, 2018, within which to file the government's response. This extension will not affect the timing of the Court's consideration of the petition. Counsel for petitioners consents to this extension.

This extension is necessary because of legislative action that may moot this case. Earlier this month, the Missouri General Assembly passed House Bill 1500, which would repeal the laws that the petition challenges. This bill is awaiting transmittal to the Governor for signature, and the Governor may have until mid-July to sign the bill. If signed, the bill would have an effective date of August 28. The government wishes to respond to the petition after the Governor's decision is made, so that its response may address any mootness issues that may arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Marie Blake".

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