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

> Re: <u>Ricky Lee Smith</u> v. <u>Nancy A. Berryhill, Deputy Commissioner for</u> <u>Operations, Social Security Administration</u>, No. 17-1606

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed May 25, 2018 and placed on the docket on May 29, 2018. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on July 30, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including September 7, 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,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

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