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Washington, D.C. 20530

July 11, 2018

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

Re: Robert H. Gray v. Peter O'Rourke, Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

S.Ct No. 17-1679

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on June 19, 2018, and placed on the docket on June 20, 2018. The government's response is due on July 20, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including August 20, 2018, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the government's response, which was delayed because of the heavy press of earlier assigned cases to the attorneys handling this matter.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

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