

U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530 November 30, 2017

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

Re:

Rod Blagojevich v. United States of America,

S.Ct No. 17-658

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on November 2, 2017, and placed on the docket on November 3, 2017. The government's response is due on December 4, 2017.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including January 3, 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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