

## U.S. Department of Justice

## Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

January 25, 2018

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

Re: Blagojevich v. United States, No. 17-658

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on November 2, 2017. The response of the United States is now due, after two extensions, on February 2, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including March 9, 2018, within which to file a response.

This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of previously assigned matters with proximate due dates.

Counsel for petitioner does not oppose this further extension.

Sincerely,

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