



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

Washington, D.C. 20530
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Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: James W. Richards, IV v. United States of America,
S.Ct No. 17-701

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on November 6, 2017, and placed on the docket on November 14, 2017. The government's response is due on December 14, 2017.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including January 16, 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,

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