

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

Washington, D.C. 20530 February 13, 2018

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

Re:

Shannon Ferguson v. United States of America,

S.Ct No. 17-7496

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on January 17, 2018, and placed on the docket on January 19, 2018. The government's response is due on February 20, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including March 22, 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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