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May 9, 2018

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

Re: <u>United States</u> v. <u>Victor J. Stitt, II</u>, No. 17-765, and <u>United States</u> v. <u>Jason Daniel Sims</u>, No. 17-766

Dear Mr. Harris:

The Court granted the petitions for writs of certiorari in these cases on April 23, 2018. Petitioner's brief on the merits is currently due June 7, 2018.

In order to accommodate scheduling difficulties and the press of other cases, petitioner respectfully requests, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, an extension to an including June 26, 2018, within which to file the opening brief and joint appendix. Because of similar concerns, counsel for respondents consent to that request and seek an extension of time for the filing of respondents' briefs to and including August 14, 2018. Petitioner consents to that request.

Sincerely,

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