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Washington, D.C. 20530 March 14, 2018

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

## Re: Jesus Ramirez-Hidalgo, v. United States of America, <u>S.Ct No. 17-7793</u>

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on February 15, 2018, and placed on the docket on February 20, 2018. The government's response is due on March 22, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including April 23, 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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