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The Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

January 11, 2018

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

Re: <u>Branden Huertas</u> v. <u>United States</u>,

No. 17-818

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed December 6, 2017, and placed on the docket on December 7, 2017. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on February 7, 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 the government's response.

This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for final preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of other matters before the Court.

Counsel for petitioner does not object to this further extension of time.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

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