

## **U.S. Department of Justice**

Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

February 28, 2018

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

> Brandon Huertas v. United States S. Ct. No. 17-818

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 6, 2017, and placed on the Court's docket on December 7, 2017. The government's brief is now due after two extensions on March 9, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time until April 9, 2018, within which to file a 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 previously assigned matters with proximate due dates.

Counsel for petitioner does not oppose this further extension.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

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