

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

Office of the Solicitor General

The Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

September 4, 2018

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

Re: Joshua John Hester and Marco Manuel Luis v. United States, No. 17-9082

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on May 21, 2018, and placed on the docket on May 25, 2018. The Court requested a response on July 13, 2018. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on September 12, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including October 12, 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 petitioners do not object to this further extension of time.

Sincerely,

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