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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

July 26, 2018

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

Re: Randy Joe Metcalf v. United States,  
No. 17-9340

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed June 13, 2018 and placed on the docket on June 15, 2018. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on August 15, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including September 14, 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,

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