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

Brandon Bernard v. United States,
No. 18-6992 (Capital case), and

Christopher Andre Vialva v. United States,
No. 18-1222 (Capital case)

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petitions for writs of certiorari in the above-captioned cases, both which seek review of the same court of appeals judgment, were filed on December 7, 2018 (Bernard), and March 19, 2019 (Vialva), and were placed on the Court's docket on December 11, 2018, and March 20, 2019. The government's responses to both petitions are currently due as extended on August 2, 2019.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension in both cases to and including October 7, 2019, within which to file the government's responses. This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for final preparation of the government's responses have been heavily engaged with the press of other matters and to accommodate the schedule of Bernard's counsel.

Counsel for both Bernard and Vialva (who are co-defendants in this case) do not object to this further extension of time.

Sincerely,

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