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Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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

Re: Shannon Dale Smith v. United States of America,
S.Ct. No. 18-5314

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on May 7, 2018, and placed on the docket on July 25, 2018. The government's response is due on August 24, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including September 24, 2018, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the government's response, which was delayed because of the heavy press of earlier assigned cases to the attorneys handling this matter.

Sincerely,

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