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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

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

Re: Jose Benitez, Jr. v. United States, No. 18-5464

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on July 26, 2018, and placed on the docket on August 3, 2018. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on October 31, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including November 30, 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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