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Petitioner contends (Pet. 3-6) that his conviction under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), 18 U.S.C. 2250(a), is invalid because he committed his sex offense prior to SORNA's enactment and that the provision of SORNA authorizing the Attorney General to adopt regulations applying SORNA's registration requirements retroactively to pre-SORNA offenders such as petitioner, 34 U.S.C. 20913(d) (Supp. V 2017), violates the nondelegation doctrine. On March 5, 2018, this Court granted a writ of certiorari to consider that question in <u>Gundy</u> v. <u>United States</u>, 138 S. Ct. 1260 (No. 17-6086). The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case should therefore be held pending the Court's decision in  $\underline{Gundy}$  and then disposed of as appropriate in light of that decision.\*

Respectfully submitted.

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<sup>\*</sup> The government waives any further response to the petition for a writ of certiorari unless this Court requests otherwise.