



**U.S. Department of Justice
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: Derek T. Williams v. Merit Systems Protection Board, et al.,
S.Ct No. 18-694

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on November 26, 2018, and placed on the docket on November 27, 2018. The government's response is due on December 27, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including January 28, 2019, 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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Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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