



**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Solicitor General**

Washington, D.C. 20530

January 3, 2019

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

**Re: Jessie Lee Smith v. United States of America,
S.Ct No. 18-6989**

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 7, 2018, and placed on the docket on December 11, 2018. The government's response is due on January 10, 2019.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including February 11, 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,

Noel J. Francisco
Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

18-6989

SMITH, JESSIE LEE
USA

WHITMAN MATTHEW DODGE
FEDERAL DEFENDER PROGRAM INC.
101 MARIETTA STREET, NW
SUITE 1500
ATLANTA, GA 30303
404-688-7530
MATTHEW_DODGE@FD.ORG