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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

March 26, 2019

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

Brandon Bernard v. United States,  
No. 18-6992 (Capital case)

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 Court's docket on December 11, 2018. The government's response is currently due, on two extensions, on March 28, 2019.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension to and including May 17, 2019, 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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