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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

January 30, 2019

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

Re: **Gilbert Mendez v. United States of America,  
S.Ct No. 18-842**

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 26, 2018, and placed on the docket on January 3, 2019. The government's response is due on February 4, 2019.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including March 6, 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

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