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The Solicitor General

*Washington, D.C. 20530*

October 30, 2019

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

In re Billie J. Allen,  
No. 18-9554 (Capital case)

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on May 24, 2019, and placed on the Court's docket on June 5, 2019. The government's response is currently due, on four extensions, on November 4, 2019.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension to and including December 12, 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.

Because petitioner is an incarcerated federal prisoner proceeding pro se, we have not obtained his consent to this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: See Attached Service List

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