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Washington, D.C. 20530

February 11, 2020

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 habeas corpus 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 multiple extensions, on February 12, 2020.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension to and including March 26, 2020, 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 illness and death of a parent and 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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