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Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

March 6, 2019

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

Re: Association of American Railroads v. Dep't of Transportation, No. 18-976

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on January 22, 2019. The response of the United States is now due, after one extension, on March 29, 2019. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including April 26, 2019, within which to file a response.

This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of previously assigned matters with proximate due dates.

Counsel for petitioner does not oppose this further extension.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

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