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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

March 31, 2020

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

Re: Jim C. Hodge, et al. v. United States, No. 19-1008

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on February 10, 2020, and placed on the docket on February 12, 2020. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on April 13, 2020. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including May 13, 2020, 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 consents to this further extension.

Sincerely,

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Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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