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Office of the Solicitor General

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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

May 8, 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. The government's response is now due, after two extensions, on May 13, 2020. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including May 14, 2020, within which to file a response.

This short extension is necessary because, in light of COVID-19, this Office is endeavoring to minimize risks to the health and safety of our personnel responsible for the filing and service of paper copies of Court documents by reducing the number of days each week on which the filing and service of such documents are necessary and on which those personnel must report to work in person.

Counsel for petitioner does not oppose this further extension.

Sincerely,

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Solicitor General

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