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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

January 17, 2020

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

James W. Richards, IV v. Matthew P. Donovan, Acting Secretary of the Air Force  
No. 19-55

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Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on July 8, 2019, and placed on the Court's docket on July 10, 2019. The government's response is currently due, on three extensions, on January 21, 2020.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension to and including March 23, 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 press of other matters before the Court and with family medical issues.

Counsel for petitioner does not object to this further extension of time.

Sincerely,

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