

U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

October 16, 2019

Honorable Scott S. Harris Clerk Supreme Court of the United States Washington, D.C. 2054

Re:

Frances W. Lake v. Robert Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

S.Ct No. 19-5526

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on May 11, 2019. Although the government waived its right to file a response, the Court has requested that a response be filed. The government's response is now due on October 23, 2019.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including November 22, 2019, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the government's response, which was delayed because of the heavy press of earlier assigned cases to the attorneys handling this matter.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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