

## **U.S. Department of Justice**

## Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

January 8, 2020

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

Re: Edwin Arthur Avery v. United States, No. 19-633

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on November 15, 2019. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on January 15, 2020. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including January 29, 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 does not oppose this further extension.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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