



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

Washington, D.C. 20530

January 10, 2020

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

Re: Charles Edward Bates v. United States of America,
S.Ct. No. 19-6922

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on October 23, 2019, and placed on the docket on December 13, 2019. The government's response is due on January 13, 2020.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including February 12, 2020, 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,

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