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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

January 24, 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 now due, after one extension, on February 12, 2020. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including March 13, 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.

Petitioner is an incarcerated prisoner proceeding pro se. The government has not sought his consent to this request.

Sincerely,

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