



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Office of the Solicitor General

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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

February 4, 2020

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

Re: Ponder v. United States, No. 19-7076

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on October 29, 2019. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on February 28, 2020. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including March 30, 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,

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