



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Office of the Solicitor General

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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

April 1, 2020

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

Re: John Jay Powers v. M.L. Stancil, No. 19-7188

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 20, 2019. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on April 6, 2020. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including May 6, 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.

Because petitioner is an incarcerated federal prisoner proceeding pro se, we have not obtained his consent to this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: See Attached Service List

19-7188  
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