



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

April 27, 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 two extensions, on May 6, 2020. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including May 8, 2020, within which to file a response.

This short extension is necessary because, in light of COVID-19, this Office is endeavoring to minimize risks to the health and safety of our personnel responsible for the filing and service of paper copies of Court documents by reducing the number of days each week on which the filing and service of such documents are necessary and on which those personnel must report to work in person.

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

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