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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

September 16, 2020

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

Re: Willie Edward Blackshire v. United States, No. 19-8816

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on June 22, 2020. The government's response is now due, after two extensions, on September 25, 2020. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including October 23, 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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Solicitor General

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