

## **U.S. Department of Justice**

## Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

May 13, 2020

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

Re: <u>Center for Biological Diversity, et al.</u> v. <u>Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary of</u>

Homeland Security, et al., No. 19-975

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on January 31, 2020, and placed on the docket on February 4, 2020. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on May 18, 2020. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including May 21, 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.

Counsel for petitioners takes no position on this further extension of time.

Sincerely,

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