

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

Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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

> Re: <u>Xiulu Ruan</u> v. <u>United States</u>, No. 20-1410 John Patrick Couch v. <u>United States</u>, No. 20-7934

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in No. 20-1410 was filed on April 5, 2021. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on June 7, 2021. The petition for a writ of certiorari in No. 20-7934 was filed on April 5, 2021. The government's response is now due on June 4, 2021.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time in No. 20-1410, and a first extension of time in No. 20-7934, to and including July 7, 2021, within which to file the government's consolidated response in these cases.

These extensions are necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of other matters before the Court.

Counsel for petitioner in No. 20-1410 does not oppose this further extension. Because petitioner in No. 20-7934 is an incarcerated federal prisoner proceeding pro se, we have not obtained his consent to this request.

Sincerely,

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