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Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

December 18, 2020

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

Re: Bates v. United States, No. 20-535

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on October 20, 2020, and placed on the Court's docket on October 22, 2020. The response of the United States is now due, after one extension, on December 23, 2020. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including January 22, 2021, 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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cc: See Attached Service List

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