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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

May 26, 2021

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

Re: John Matthew Gayden, Jr. v. United States of America,  
S.Ct. No. 20-7896

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on April 27, 2021, and placed on the docket on April 30, 2021. The government's response is due on June 1, 2021.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including July 1, 2021, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the government's response, which was delayed because of the heavy press of earlier assigned cases to the attorneys handling this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: See Attached Service List

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