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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

August 31, 2021

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

Re: Paul Xavier Espinoza v. United States, No. 20-8275

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on June 8, 2021, and docketed on June 10, 2021. The Court called for a response to the petition on July 7, 2021. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on September 7, 2021. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including October 7, 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 petitioners consents to this further extension.

Sincerely,

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cc: See Attached Service List

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