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Washington, D.C. 20530

April 6, 2022

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

Re: Robert M. Athey, et al. v. United States of America,

S.Ct. No. 21-1256

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on March 14, 2022, and placed on the docket on March 16, 2022. The government's response is due on April 15, 2022.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including May 16, 2022, 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,

Elizabeth B. Prelogar Solicitor General

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