



**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Solicitor General**

Washington, D.C. 20530

August 5, 2021

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

Re: John Shields v. United States of America,
S.Ct. No. 21-5042

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on June 29, 2021, and placed on the docket on July 8, 2021. The government's response is due on August 9, 2021.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including September 8, 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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