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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

September 22, 2021

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

Re: Jerris M. Blanks v. United States of America  
S.Ct. No. 21-5489

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on August 19, 2021, and placed on the docket on August 26, 2021. The government's response is due on September 27, 2021.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including October 27, 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,

Brian Fletcher  
Acting Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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