

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

January 3, 2022

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

Re: Maria Esparraguera v. Department of the Army, No. 21-686

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on November 5, 2021. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on January 10, 2022. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including February 9, 2022, 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 petitioner does not oppose this further extension.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Prelogar Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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