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

Re: Thomas H. Buffington v. Denis R. McDonough, Secretary of
Veterans Affairs, No. 21-972

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on January 3, 2022, and was placed on this Court's docket on January 6, 2022. After one extension, the response for the government is due on March 9, 2022. We respectfully request, pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including April 8, 2022, within which to file the government's response.

This request for an extension of time is necessary because of the heavy press of cases assigned to the attorneys responsible for preparing the government's response. Counsel for the petitioner has informed us that he does not oppose this request.

Sincerely,

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