

March 3, 2023

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

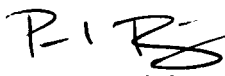
Re: Paul Anthony Riojas v. Department of the Army, et al.,
S. Ct. No. 22-540

Dear Mr. Harris:

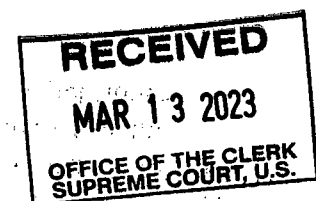
The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 6, 2022, and placed on the Court's docket on December 13, 2022. The government's response is due, after one extension, on March 20, 2023. The government now requests an additional extension of time to and including April 19, 2023 within which to file a response. The petitioner opposes this request.

Given the most recent extension, the government has been given three 30-day filing periods in which to prepare its response. The government waived its right to file a response to the petition on December 30, 2022, thereby forfeiting 13 days of the initial filing period. However, the combined periods are equivalent to the petitioner's 90-day filing requirement. While the government claims that heavy press of concurrent assignments is the causing issue, the experience and resources of the government greatly exceed that of the pro se petitioner.

Sincerely,


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