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Washington, D.C. 20530

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

Re: Tiger Cela v. Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General,

S.Ct. No. 23-686

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 22, 2023, and placed on the docket on January 27, 2024. The government's response is due on March 7, 2024.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including April 8, 2024, 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,

Elizabeth B. Prelogar Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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