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Washington, D.C. 20530

February 27, 2024

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

Re: Joshua E. Bufkin v. Denis R. McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

No. 23-713

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 29, 2023. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on March 4, 2024. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including March 18, 2024, 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,

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