



**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Solicitor General**

Washington, D.C. 20530

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

Re: Merl Simpson v. United States of America,
S.Ct. No. 24-5615

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on September 18, 2024. Although the government waived its right to file a response, the Court has requested that a response be filed. The government's response is now due on November 6, 2024.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including December 6, 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,

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Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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