



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

Washington, D.C. 20530
March 20, 2018

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

Re: **Jorge Avila Torrez v. United States of America,**
S.Ct No. 17-1189

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on February 22, 2018, and placed on the docket on February 23, 2018. The government's response is due on March 26, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including April 25, 2018, 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,

Noel J. Francisco
Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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