

January 4, 2019

Denise J. McNerney
Merits Cases Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: No. 17-1606, *Smith v. Berryhill*

Dear Ms. McNerney:

As the Court-appointed amicus curiae in support of the judgment below, I write to request a short extension of the briefing schedule in light of the rescheduling of oral argument from the February to March sitting. I have conferred with counsel for the parties, both of whom consent to this request.

The amicus brief in support of the judgment below is currently due on January 22. I respectfully request an extension of that deadline, to and including January 30. The parties' replies would then be due on March 1, allowing sufficient time between the replies and the oral argument in March.

Thanks very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Deepak Gupta
Court-Appointed Amicus Curiae

cc: Counsel for Petitioner and Respondent