

January 14, 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 modify my previous request for an extension of the briefing schedule in light of additional scheduling conflicts. I have conferred with counsel for the parties, both of whom consent to this new 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 February 4. The parties' replies would then be due on March 6.

Thanks very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Deepak Gupta  
*Court-Appointed Amicus Curiae*

cc: Counsel for Petitioner and Respondent