



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

Washington, D.C. 20530
November 30, 2017

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

Re: Harold Eugene Bell v. United States of America,
S.Ct No. 17-678

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on October 4, 2017, and placed on the docket on November 8, 2017. The government's response is due on December 8, 2017.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including January 8, 2018 (January 7, 2018 is a Sunday), 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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