



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

January 2, 2018

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

Re: Harold Eugene Bell v. United States, No. 17-678

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on October 4, 2017. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on January 8, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including February 7, 2018, within which to file a response.

This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of previously assigned matters with proximate due dates.

Counsel for petitioner does not oppose this further extension.

Sincerely,

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