



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

February 9, 2018

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

Re: Raymond Stern v. United States, No. 17-6904

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on October 20, 2017. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on February 9, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including March 12, 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.

Because petitioner is an incarcerated prisoner proceeding pro se, we have not obtained his consent to this request.

Sincerely,

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