



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

Washington, D.C. 20530
December 19, 2017

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

Re: Firkon James v. United States of America,
S.Ct No. 17-6908

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on November 20, 2017, and placed on the docket on November 28, 2017. The government's response is due on December 28, 2017.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including January 29, 2018, 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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cc: See Attached Service List

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