



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

Washington, D.C. 20530
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Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Manuel De Jesus Gordillo-Escandon v. United States of America
S.Ct No. 17-7177

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on December 14, 2017. Although the government waived its right to file a response, the Court has requested that a response be filed. The government's response is now due on February 8, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including March 12, 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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