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Washington, D.C. 20530

April 10, 2018

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

Re: Rayford Stevens v. United States, No. 17-7785

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on January 22, 2018, and placed on the docket on February 16, 2018. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on April 18, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including May 18, 2018, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for preparation of the government's response are heavily engaged with the press of other matters before the Court.

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

Sincerely,

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