



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

Washington, D.C. 20530

May 2, 2018

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

Re: Gene Ward, Jr. v. United States of America,
S.Ct No. 17-8345

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on March 27, 2018, and placed on the docket on April 4, 2018. The government's response is due on May 4, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including June 4, 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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