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The Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

July 30, 2018

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

Re: Robert Velez v. United States,
No. 17-8495

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed April 9, 2018, and placed on the docket on April 16, 2018. The government's response is now due, after two extensions, on August 13, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including September 12, 2018, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for final preparation of the government's response have been 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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Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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