



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: Michael A. Blankenship v. Jorge L. Pastrana, Warden,
S.Ct No. 17-8553

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on March 2, 2018, and placed on the docket on April 18, 2018. The government's response is due on May 18, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including June 18, 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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