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Washington, D.C. 20530

July 11, 2018

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

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

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed March 2, 2018 and placed on the docket on April 18, 2018. The government's response is now due, after two extensions, on July 18, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including August 17, 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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cc: See Attached Service List

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