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Washington, D.C. 20530  
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Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Keith Mandan. v. Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture, et al.  
S.Ct No. 17-897

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 19, 2017, and placed on the docket on December 22, 2017. The government's response is due on January 22, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including February 21, 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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Solicitor General

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