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Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Mathena v. Malvo*, No. 18-217

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for certiorari in the above case was docketed on August 20, 2018, and respondent's brief in opposition is currently due on September 19, 2018. Pursuant to this Court's Rule 30.4, respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension to file his brief in opposition, until October 19, 2018.

The extension is necessary because respondent retained new Supreme Court counsel only very recently, on July 27, 2018, and counsel requires additional time to become familiar with this complex case and prepare a response to the petition for certiorari. Moreover, counsel already has many other obligations during the relevant period, including an oral argument in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit on September 12, replies in support of petitions for certiorari expected to be filed in this Court on September 25 and October 9, and a brief in opposition due in this Court on September 28. Finally, counsel has been informed that at least one amicus curiae brief will be filed in support of the petition, and an extension is necessary to ensure that respondent will be able to address any amicus briefs in his brief in opposition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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