



**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Solicitor General**

Washington, D.C. 20530

March 5, 2019

Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 2054

Re: Joel Darnell Patton v. United States of America,
S.Ct. No. 18-7449

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on January 10, 2019. Although the government waived its right to file a response, the Court has requested that a response be filed. The government's response is now due on March 15, 2019.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including April 15, 2019, 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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