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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: United States v. Dzhokar A. Tsarnaev, No. 20-443

Dear Mr. Harris:

The United States respectfully opposes respondent's request for an additional 30-day extension of time to file a brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari. As the government explained in the petition (at 33), the victims of respondent's crimes, the potential jurors at a penalty-phase retrial, the district court, the government, and the Nation all have a strong interest in this Court's hearing and deciding this case this Term, in order to avoid further delay in this long-running and critically important prosecution. In furtherance of that interest, the government filed the petition well in advance of the due date.

The government appreciates the concerns raised by respondent's counsel, and would not oppose a short additional extension of time to file the brief in opposition, so long as the extension would not prejudice the government's preparation and filing of a reply brief or the Court's ability to hear the case this Term.

Sincerely,

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