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Washington, D.C. 20530

January 3, 2022

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

Re: Patton v. Kimble
S. Ct. No. 21-5780

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on September 24, 2021. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on January 3, 2022. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including February 2, 2022 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 has been heavily engaged with the press of other matters before the Court.

Because petitioner is an incarcerated prisoner proceeding pro se, we have not obtained his consent to this request.

Sincerely,

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