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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

December 28, 2021

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

Re: *Melvyn Gear v. United States of America*,  
S.Ct. No. 21-816

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 29, 2021, and placed on the docket on December 1, 2021. The government's response is due on January 3, 2022.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including February 2, 2022, 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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