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The Solicitor General

*Washington, D.C. 20530*

December 18, 2025

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

Re: Stephen Thaler v. Shira Perlmutter, Register of Copyrights and Director of the  
United States Copyright Office, et al.,  
S.Ct No. 25-449

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Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on October 9, 2025. 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 December 26, 2025.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including January 26, 2026, 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,

D. John Sauer  
Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES  
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