



**U.S. Department of Justice
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: Stephen Buyer v. USA,
S.Ct No. 25-576

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on November 10, 2025. Although the government waived its right to file a response, the Court has requested that a response be filed. The government's response was due on January 7, 2026.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including February 6, 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

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