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The Solicitor General

*Washington, D.C. 20530*

March 13, 2026

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

Re: Robert Wayne Hutton v. USA,  
S.Ct No. 25-971

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on February 13, 2026, and placed on the docket on February 18, 2026. The government's response is due on March 20, 2026.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including April 20, 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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