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Washington, D.C. 20530

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

Re: James M. Kernz v. Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
S.Ct No. 26-284

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on August 31, 2026, and placed on the docket on September 3, 2026. The government's response is due on October 5, 2026.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including November 4, 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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