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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

August 14, 2026

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

Re: Michael Mao v. USA,  
S.Ct No. 26-5113

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on July 13, 2026, and placed on the docket on July 19, 2026. The government's response is due on August 18, 2026.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including September 17, 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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