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Washington, D.C. 20530

September 11, 2026

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

Re: Michael Celestine v. USA,
S.Ct No. 26-5311

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on August 12, 2026, and placed on the docket on August 14, 2026. The government's response is due on September 14, 2026.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including October 14, 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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