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Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

March 1, 2018

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

Re: Eric Jermaine Spivey and Chenequa Austin v. United States, No. 17-7046

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 11, 2017. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on March 9, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including April 9, 2018, within which to file a response.

This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of previously assigned matters with proximate due dates.

Petitioners' counsel does not oppose this further extension.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

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