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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

May 15, 2024

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

Re: Russell Dean Alford v. United States of America,  
S.Ct. No. 23-7158

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on April 4, 2024. Although the government waived its right to file a response, the Court has requested that a response be filed. The government's response is now due on May 23, 2024.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including June 24, 2024, 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,

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