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Honorable William K. Suter
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority v. Friends of the Earth, et al.
S.Ct. No. 06-119

Dear Mr. Suter:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on July 21, 2006. The government's brief is now due with one extension on September 25, 2006. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time until October 25, 2006, within which to file the government's response.

A draft response has been prepared, but additional time is necessary to review and edit the response. In addition, the attorneys with principal responsibility for final preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of previously assigned matters with proximate due dates.

Counsel for petitioner has no objection to this further extension.

Sincerely,

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