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**VIA HAND-DELIVERY**

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, SC Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: State v. Bobby J. Barton  
Case No. 2013-000804

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed July 19, 2013. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a 30-day extension to file this document. This is the first extension request at this stage in the process, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that you hold the filing time in abeyance during the time in which this request is pending.

By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for Petitioner of this extension request.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General  
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cc: LaNelle C. DuRant, Esquire  
The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
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