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**S.C. Supreme Court**

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

**Re: George Middleton v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No: 2014-000656**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. However, this is to respectfully request a 30-day extension to serve and file this Return to Petition of Writ of Certiorari.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by a heavy workload and is for good cause.

Sincerely,

J. Walt Whitmire  
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S.C. Bar No: 100793

In compliance with:

*In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases*, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009)  
(Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

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