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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
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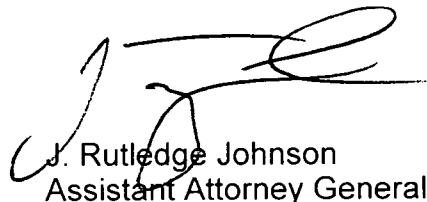
RE: **Brian K. Stephens v. State of South Carolina**  
**2014-000471**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. However, it is respectfully requested that this Court relax Rule 243(f), SCACR, and allow a thirty (30) day extension to file and serve the Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

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

Sincerely,



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Assistant Attorney General

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