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

RE: State v. Rushan Counts – Appellate Case No. 2013-000086

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The State's Petition for Rehearing in the above-referenced criminal appeal is due to be served and filed on July 23, 2015. However, due to a heavy workload coupled with the significance of the new rule announced by the majority's opinion in this case, I am requesting a **ten-day** extension to file the State's Petition for Rehearing in order to ensure it is properly researched and prepared. This extension request is being made in compliance with the mandates of this Court's July 16, 2014, order regarding extension requests in cases before this Court, which was issued after the State had previously requested and obtained a single extension to file the State's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari. This is the first extension request in regard to the Petition for Rehearing, 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 request.

Sincerely,

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