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August 20, 2015

Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court  
South Carolina Supreme Court  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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**S.C. Supreme Court**

**Re: Michael Gonzales v. State  
Appellate Case No. 2015-10000**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find for filing the Petition to Relax Rule 243(f) and Request for Extension <sup>in</sup> the above-captioned case. If there are any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Karen C. Ratigan  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

cc: Susan B. Hackett, Esquire

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court

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Appeal From Spartanburg County  
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Michael Gonzales,.....Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,.....Respondent.

**PETITION TO RELAX RULE 243(F)  
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

COMES NOW, Respondent, above named, by and through the undersigned counsel, making its Petition to Relax Rule 243(f) and Request for Extension, and would show unto this Court:

I.

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-captioned matter was due to be filed and served on August 19, 2015. Attorney for Respondent is temporarily handing appellate matters for the Seventh Judicial Circuit (until a new attorney for the position is trained) and, through inadvertence, improperly calendared the Return to be due

today. Respondent requests Rule 243(f), SCACR be relaxed and an extension of twenty (20) days be granted in order to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

II.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this petition be granted.


Respectfully submitted,

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Karen C. Ratigan, certify that I have today served the within Petition to Relax Rule 243(f) and Request for Extension upon Petitioner by depositing a copy of the same in inter-agency mail and addressed to:

Susan B. Hackett, Esquire  
S.C. Comm'n on Indigent Defense, Division of Appellate Defense  
Post Office Box 11589  
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I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served. This 20th day of August, 2015.

  
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