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**SC SUPREME COURT**

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

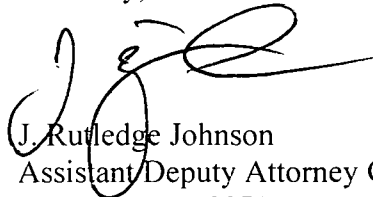
**Re: David Beatson v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2015-001266**  
**Lower Court Case No. 2014-CP-46-1538**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

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

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my heavy workload.

Sincerely,



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Assistant/Deputy Attorney General  
S.C. Bar No: 78871

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cc: John H. Strom, Esquire