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February 16, 2016

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 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,

J. Rutledge Johnson  
Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
S.C. Bar No: 78871

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cc: John H. Strom, Esquire