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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court  
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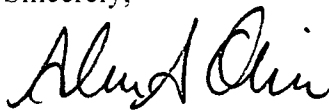
Re: **Octavia Middleton, #253919 v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No.: 2015-001080**  
**Lower Court Case No.: 2014-CP-40-03607**

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 brief.

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

Sincerely,

*for*   
J. Clayton Mitchell  
Assistant Attorney General  
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cc: Katherine H. Hudgins, Esquire