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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
1220 Senate Street, Calhoun Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: The State v. Rion McKissick Rutledge  
Appellate Case No. 2015-001408

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be filed and served February 24, 2016. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a 30-day extension to file these documents. This is a first extension request, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay.

I appreciated 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 advising Stephen D. Schusterman, Esquire, of this extension request.

Sincerely,

William M. Blich, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Stephen D. Schusterman, Esquire  
Victim Services