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

RE: Rhame v. Charleston County School District  
Opinion No. 5020 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Aug. 8, 2012)

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Your office contacted mine by telephone and requested that I provide a reason for my recent request of an extension of the deadline for filing a petition for certiorari in this case. Due to briefing and argument obligations in other cases, as well as other work-related responsibilities, it would be difficult for me to complete the cert. petition inside the current deadline while still giving the petition the attention I believe it deserves. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

*Blake Hewitt w/permission emb*

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