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

RE: Farid Mangal v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2016-000610

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

John R. Ferguson, Esquire, Counsel for Respondent, made a Motion to Be Relieved as Counsel in the above-referenced appeal. Please accept this letter as the State's Return to Mr. Ferguson's motion.

Regarding Mr. Ferguson's request to be relieved as appellate counsel, the State wishes to leave the matter to the sound discretion of this Court. However, the State would note that pursuant to this Court's Administrative Order dated July 16, 2014, which governs extensions in cases such as this, the grant of an extension of this length requires a showing of extraordinary circumstances. Based on the current filings in this matter, the Brief of Respondent is due August 17, 2016. The State would further note that Mr. Ferguson's motion to be relieved was not made until July 21, 2016, although the State's petition for writ of certiorari was granted June 16, 2016.

If this Court desires a more formal return, the State will promptly provide one upon request. Thank you, and if you should have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (803) 734-3737.

Sincerely,

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