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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

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

**RE: Vondell Malachi v. State of South Carolina  
Appellate Case No. 2015-002429**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed on today's date. However, this is to respectfully request a 30-day extension in which to serve and file my return.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

Caitlin B. Hastings  
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: John H. Strom, Esquire