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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Supreme Court of South Carolina
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: Michael Elders, #345023 v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2016-000242
Lower Court Case No. 2014-CP-32-4072

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari and response to Austin v. State 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 to serve and file this Return.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: LaNelle C. DuRant, Esquire