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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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

Re: **Donell M. Hutchinson, #339400 v. State of South Carolina**
Lower Court Case No. 2012-CP-46-3398
Appellate Case No. 2016-000808

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The **Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari** in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. However, I humbly request a 30-day extension in which to serve and file this Return.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my heavy workload. By copy of this letter I am notifying opposing counsel.

Respectfully yours,

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cc: John H. Strom, Esquire