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

RE: Michael Elders v. State
Appellate Case No. 2016-000242


Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the aforementioned matter is due to be served and filed today. I would respectfully request a fourth and final 30-day extension in which to serve and file the Return. This request is not intended for the purpose of delay; rather, this request is necessitated by my workload.

As the Supervisor of the Post-Conviction Relief Section I manage ten (10) attorneys and eight (8) legal assistants. In addition to my supervisor duties, during the last thirty days I have researched and written the return to petitions for certiorari for Johnnie Frazier v. State (2016-00387), Charlton Hill v. State (2015-002428), and Alfonzo Staton v. State (2015-00460), and researched and written the reply brief in Letron Davis v. State (2014-001631).

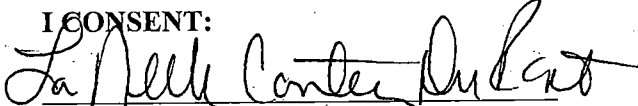
The State would respectfully request the Court grant this final request for an extension. Opposing counsel indicates consent by her signature below. We would also ask that any deadlines be held in abeyance pending the Court's decision on this request.

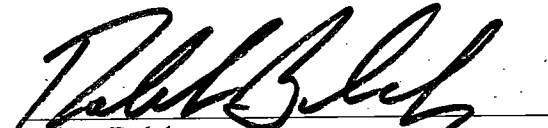
Sincerely,


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I CONSENT:


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