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

**Re: Eli J. Torrence v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2016-001753**  
**Lower Court Case No. 2014-CP-39-0397**

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 30-day extension in which to serve and file the Petition. This request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this request is necessitated by my workload.

Sincerely,

Patrick Schmeckpeper  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar# 102100

PLS/jacc

cc: Lacey M. Thompson, Esquire