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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, S.C. Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
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RE: State v. Leon Amos Jason James, Appellate Case No. 2016-001155

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On February 3, 2017, I filed a brief pursuant to Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967) in the above-referenced case. On February 7, 2017, this Court wrote to Mr. James advising him of his right to file a *pro se* brief and imposing a deadline of forty-five days. On March 13, 2017, my office received a letter from Mr. James, which was dated February 20, 2017. In the letter, Mr. James asked that I request an extension of time for him to file his *pro se* brief. **Please accept this letter as my request on his behalf for an extension of time to file his pro se brief.** I have copied J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire, of the Attorney General's Office on this request.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Hackett  
Appellate Defender

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cc: J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire  
Leon James