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Of the Supreme Court of South Carolina  
1231 Gervais Street  
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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

March 15, 2017

Dear Chief Justice Beattie:

Your honor I am writing you at this time to request your help and consideration in a matter of great importance. The Clerk of Court, Mr. Daniel E. Shearouse wrote me in regards to my appeal and informed me that I had forty-five days (45) from the date of the letter (January 30, 2017) to file in response to my appellate counsel's Johnson brief. On today the fifteenth of March, my deadline for appeal was to be met. Though it was mailed off and should be received within the time restrictions, I am hereby requesting the assistance of the court to appoint me an attorney or an extension to properly prepare and send in an appeal worthy of the courts attention.

Due to our institution being locked down on a consistent basis due to lack of staff, I have not had the opportunity to adequately utilize the law library resources here at Kershaw

Correctional. Court dates are not given priority during lockdowns and when OTR's are honored it's only for a fraction of the allotted time. I wrote up the response and sent it in simply because I could not miss the deadline given to me by the courts. I understand that you don't owe me anything and that institutional problems are not your immediate concern but I would not be at ease without attempting to gain the favor of the court on this matter.

I thank you for your consideration and no matter your decision I am intent on going forward with this case and its proceedings.

If indeed you grant me this much needed extension to properly do my response to the Johnson brief I will utilize every possible opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and I look forward to hearing from the court regarding a decision.

Sincerely requested,

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