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March 29, 2017

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

**Re: Kentrell Liburd v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2016-001449**  
**Lower Court Case No. 2014-CP-38-0738**

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 third 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. In the past six weeks, I have filed a brief of petitioner in Garren v. State, prepared for and represented the State for terms of post-conviction relief hearings in First, Fourteenth and Seventh Circuits. I am also currently preparing for post-conviction relief hearings in Third Circuit. In addition, I have filed numerous pleadings in post-trial matters in circuit court. Unfortunately because the below attorneys have been out of the office, I was unable to obtain their signatures or consent from opposing counsel. Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case for 30 days.

Sincerely,

Ruston W. Neely  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 100192

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cc: Clarissa W. Joyner, Esquire

In compliance with:

*In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases*, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

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