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May 3, 2017

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

Re: Matthew J. Eargle v. State of South Carolina;
Appellate Case No.: 2016-001761
Lower Court Case: 2013-CP-32-0168

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the referenced matter is due to be served today. As of Friday, April 28, 2017, I have assumed representation of Respondent State of South Carolina in the action. In the interim, I have presented argument in this Court (*State v. Tyrel Collins*), and have prepared and attended a scheduled appearance in Federal District Court in Greenville today (*Sigmon v. Byars*). As such I would respectfully request a second 30-day extension of time in which to prepare, serve and file the return in the instant matter. Also, if you would, kindly note my appearance in this case and direct all future correspondence to my attention.

By copy of this letter, I am informing opposing counsel of this request, and the assumption of responsibility in this matter.

Sincerely,

Melody J. Brown
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
SC Bar No.: 14244

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cc: Lara M. Caudy, Esq.
The Honorable S.R. Hubbard, III, Solicitor, Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Trisha Allen, Victim Services