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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

ALAN WILSON  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

**Re: William P. Deaton v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2016-001883**  
**Lower Court Case No. 2013-CP-32-2614**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The **Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari** in the above appeal 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 extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my heavy workload.

Sincerely,

Melody J. Brown  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
SC Bar #14244

cc: Laura R. Baer, Esquire

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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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