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

Re: William David Wooten, 349872 v. State of South Carolina; 2016-001819.

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am retained counsel for the perfection of this Post-Conviction Relief appeal. My Reply to the State's Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due on today's date, August 14, 2017. Due to my heavy schedule the last ten days, including a trip to Atlanta for a deposition, I have not yet been able to determine yet whether a Reply will be necessary. I respectfully request a 10-day extension of time in which to prepare and submit my Reply to the State's Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari on behalf of this client if I determine a Reply is necessary. If I conclude that a Reply is not warranted, I will notify the Court of my decision.

There have been no previous extension requests at this stage of this appeal. By copy of this letter, I am advising opposing counsel, DeShawn H. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, of this request. With my thanks for the Court's kind assistance in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tara Dawn Shurling  
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cc: DeShawn H. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General  
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