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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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

Re: **Brett Howard, #333999 v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2017-000246**  
**Lower Court Case No. 2014-CP-27-0323**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The **Return Petition for Writ of Certiorari** in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. However, I humbly request a 30-day extension of this deadline.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my heavy workload. By copy of this letter I am notifying opposing counsel.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Lara M. Caudy, Esquire