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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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

**Re: James Nicholas Starnes v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No.: 2017-001259**  
**Lower Court Case: 2016-CP-29-0373**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case 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 request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is instead necessitated by my heavy workload.

Sincerely,

DeShawn H. Mitchell  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar #101813

cc: Susan B. Hackett, Esquire