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

**Re: Douglas Thompson v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2017-000547**  
**Lower Court Case No. 2014-CP-08-1602**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal was due to be served and filed on April 26, 2018. However, due to a calendaring error, I respectfully request a first 30-day extension to serve and file this Return out of time. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by a workload.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 102673

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Cc: Elizabeth Franklin-Best, Esquire