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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court  
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**Re: David Bryant Richards v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No: 2012-209507**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for a 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 this Return.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my heavy workload.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General  
S.C. Bar No: 100793

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cc: Breen Richard Stevens, Esq.