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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
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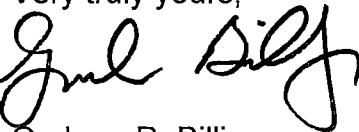
RE: The State v. Mario Hernandez  
Appellate Case No. 2017-002206  
Our File No. 38769/01529

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Petitioner hereby requests a ten-day extension to file the Reply Brief in the above-referenced matter. This is the first and only extension request by Petitioner in the proceedings before this Court, pursuant to the Court's July 16, 2014 Order. The additional time sought is due to work and travel obligations. Prior to filing this request, I attempted to contact opposing counsel to seek his consent, but he was out of the office.

Currently, the Reply Brief is due to be filed and served on June 28, 2018. The new deadline to file and serve the Reply Brief will be July 9, 2018. I would ask that the current filing deadline be held in abeyance until a ruling has been issued on this request.

A check in the amount of \$25.00 is enclosed as the required filing fee. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,  
  
Graham R. Billings

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Enclosure

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