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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Saluda County

Honorable R. Keith Kelly, Circuit Court Judge  
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MICHAEL DURAN WATSON,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2018-000486  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
AND ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX  
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The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today.

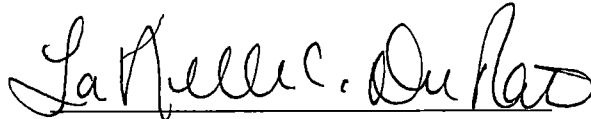
2. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jamarcus Foster v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 18, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Timmy Rogers v. The

State with the Supreme Court on June 12, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Alonzo Columbus Jeter v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 6, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of John Edward Hunsucker v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 5, 2018. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Robert Henry Osbey v. The State with the Supreme Court on May 31, 2018. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jimmy Larry Gilstrap with the Court of Appeals on May 30, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and the accompanying appendix in the case of The State v. Justin Jermaine Johnson with the Supreme Court on May 23, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Antwan J. Jett with the Court of Appeals on May 4, 2018.

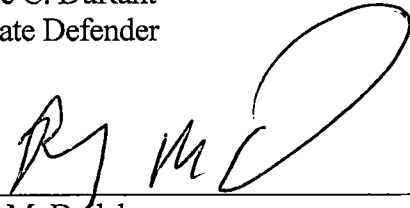
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



LaNelle C. DuRant  
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

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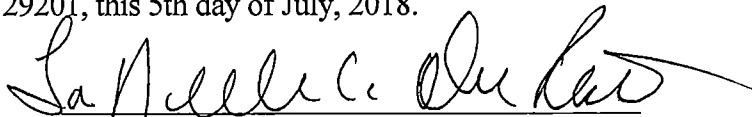
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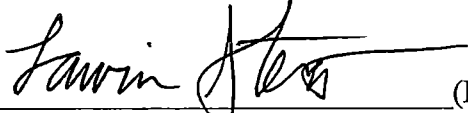
The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the petition for extension to file petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above referenced case has been served upon Kelly Oppenheimer, Esquire, at Rembert Dennis Building, Room 519, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, this 5th day of July, 2018.



LaNelle C. DuRant  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.



(L.S.)

Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: July 5, 2027.