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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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

**Re: Randal W. Benton, #349652 v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2017-002021**  
**Lower Court Case No. 2014-CP-18-01001**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed on today's date. However, this is to respectfully request a first 30-day extension to serve and file this Petition.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

Christian Saville  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 103272

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cc: Susan B. Hackett, Esquire