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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Supreme Court of South Carolina
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: Michael L. Couch v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2017-000159
Lower Court Case No. 2014-CP-37-0433

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 letter is to respectfully request a 30-day extension to serve and file this Return.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by the Respondent's present workload.

Sincerely,

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cc: Taylor D. Gilliam, Esquire