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February 11, 2019

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

Re: James Watson v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2018-001198
Lower Court Case No. 2015-CP-27-0181

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal are due to be served and filed on February 11, 2019. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a thirty-day extension to serve and file these documents. This is the **first** extension request in this case, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay. I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that the filing deadlines be held in abeyance while this request is pending.

Additionally, please add me as counsel of record for the State in the above-referenced case and remove Assistant Attorney General Benjamin Limbaugh, who, with the Court's permission, will no longer be acting as counsel in this case.

Sincerely,

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