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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
1015 Sumter Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: State v. Benjamine Jerome Blake – Appellate Case No. 2018-001943

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced criminal appeal are due to be served and filed on October 7, 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.

By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for the Appellant of this extension request.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire  
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