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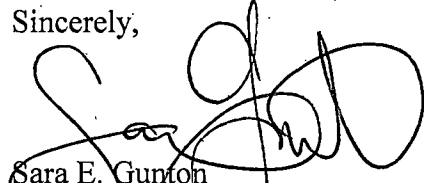
The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Stephen Francois v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2018-002016

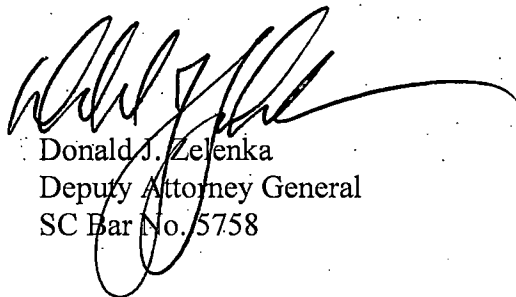
Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed on today's date. However, I respectfully request a third 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 a heavy workload. Opposing counsel has given consent via telephone.

Sincerely,



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