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

RE: **State of South Carolina v. Wesley Smith**
Appellate Case No: 2011-188646

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Brief of Respondent in the above appeal is due to be served and filed February 27, 2013. However, this is to respectfully request a 30-day extension to serve and file this Brief of Respondent.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this extension request is necessitated because undersigned counsel delivered a baby on January 9, 2013, and just returned from maternity leave on February 25, 2013. In addition to preparing for two oral arguments scheduled for March 5, 2013 (State v. Byers and State v. Cobb), undersigned counsel has also been working on a Brief of Respondent due in the Court of Appeals in the matter of Kevin Davonne Cox v. State, due February 27, 2013, a Brief for which three previous extensions were requested.

Sincerely,

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cc: Katherine H. Hudgins, Esquire