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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(By electronic filing only – supctfilings@sccourts.org)

**Re: Francisco Roberto Rodriguez v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2020-000882**  
**Lower Court Case No. 2016-CP-42-04153**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The **Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari** in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. I am respectfully requesting a **first** thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but rather, is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

*s/ Samantha J. Weidauer*  
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cc: Appellate Defender Kathrine H. Hudgins (by email only)