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

**Re: Dennis Cumbee, Jr., v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2020-000966**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The **Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari** in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. However, I must respectfully request a first 30-day extension of this deadline. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is instead necessitated by my heavy workload. Additionally, please substitute undersigned counsel as counsel of record for the State, in place of Assistant Attorney General Chelsey F. Marto, in this post-conviction relief appeal.

By copy of this letter I am notifying opposing counsel.

Sincerely,

**/s/ William H. Ray**

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cc: Taylor D. Gilliam, Esquire (via email)