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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: Kevin J. Mercer v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No: 2020-001419**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due to be served and filed Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Undersigned counsel hereby request a 30-day extension in which to serve and file its Return. Due to counsel's heavy caseload, including addressing capital matters currently on extension, counsel has been unable to complete the return.

I respectfully request this Court grant an extension until July 1, 2021 to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

Sincerely,

*s/ Melody J. Brown*

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