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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 today. Undersigned counsel hereby request a 30-day extension in which to serve and file its Return. Due to counsel's heavy caseload, including addressing matters in state and federal court, counsel has been unable to complete the return.

I respectfully request this Court grant an extension until August 2, 2021 to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

Sincerely,

s/ Melody J. Brown

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