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**VIA HAND-DELIVERY**

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
1015 Sumter Street  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, S. C. 29211

Re: State v. Michael J. Hilton

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above appeal are due to be served and filed May 30, 2012. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a 30-day extension to file these documents. This is the first extension request in this case, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that you hold the filing time in abeyance during the time in which this request is pending.

By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for Appellant of this extension request.

Sincerely,

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