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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of Court, S.C. Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Nathaniel Johnson, Jr., # 211574 v. South Carolina Department of Corrections  
Appellate Case No. 2022-000444

Dear Ms. Howard:

Upon information and belief, Respondent's **Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari** is due to be served and filed today. Respondent is hereby respectfully requesting a thirty-day extension of time in which to file this Return. This request is not being made for purposes of delay, but is being made because the undersigned attorney is new to this case and wishes to ensure the matter is properly researched and briefed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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