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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Court of Appeals of South Carolina  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
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**Re: Justin R. Cone v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2019-000437**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Respondent's return to Justin Cone's petition for rehearing in the above-referenced matter is due to be served and filed today. I received notice on August 18, 2022, that the Court was requesting the return. On the evening of August 19, I had to leave work early to make my home available, at my landlord's request, for potential buyers to view. On August 20, I filed in this Court the brief of respondent in *Gaskins v. State*, 2019-000907. On August 22-25, I represented the State at post-conviction relief hearings in Anderson County. On August 30, I am scheduled to represent the State in post-conviction relief hearings in York County.

I am respectfully requesting a ten-day extension to serve and file the return based on my heavy workload. Counsel for Petitioner has consented to this extension request pursuant to a reciprocal agreement between the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Appellate Defense.

Please let me know if I can provide the Court with any additional information regarding this extension request.

Sincerely,

s/Taylor Zane Smith  
Taylor Z. Smith  
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Jessica M. Saxon, Counsel for Petitioner (*via email only*)