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Hon. Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court
1231 Gervais Street
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RE: Russell Bauknight, et al. v. Adele J. Pope (3)
Appellate Case No.: 2022-001713
Our File: 4077-7389

Dear Ms. Howard:

I hope this letter finds you well. Please accept this letter as Respondents' request, pursuant to Rule 240(e), SCACR, for an extension of time to file and serve Respondents' forthcoming Return to Appellant's December 28, 2022 Petition for Order Lifting Stay in the above-referenced case.

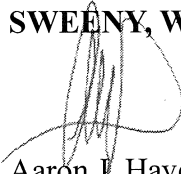
Currently, Respondents' Return to Appellant's Petition for Order Lifting Stay is due on or before January 6, 2022. Respondents request an extension of time equal to the current deadline for the filing of Respondents' Return to Appellant's Petition for Writ of Certiorari, which is January 26, 2023.

Appellant's Petition for Order Lifting Stay was served on December 28, 2022 and amended on December 30, 2022, during the midst of the holiday season and during the middle of Respondents' time to prepare a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari. Respondents assert that it would be improper for Appellant to create an additional briefing deadline for Respondents that falls *before* Respondents' deadline to file a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

Pursuant to Rule 240(d), SCACR, my office is transmitting the required \$50.00 filing fee for this request.

Yours truly,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hayes', written over the firm name.

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