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

**Re: Mark Blake v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No.: 2022-000714**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. However, I respectfully request a first thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but rather, is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lara M. Caudy, Esquire (via electronic mail)