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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: Herbert Smalls v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2022-001151**

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 with the Court today. However, I respectfully request a second, 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. By copy of this letter, I am informing Elizabeth A. Franklin-Best, Esquire of my request.

Sincerely,

Joshua A. Edwards  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 101188

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cc: Elizabeth A. Franklin-Best, Esquire (via electronic mail)