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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
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Re: James A. Gardner v. State of South Carolina - Appellate Case No. 2019-000192

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The Brief of Respondent in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed on March 20, 2023. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a thirty-day extension to serve and file the brief. This is the second extension request in this case, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that the filing deadlines be held in abeyance while this request is pending.

By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for the Petitioner of this extension request.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General  
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cc: Robert M. Dudek, Esquire (*by email only*)