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

Re: Austin McQuarters v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2022-000628

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. Respondent respectfully requests a third, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel. 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,

William M. Blich, Jr.
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
SC Bar No. 15608

WMB/cc

cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Counsel for Petitioner (*via email only*)

In compliance with: *In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases*, (S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

s/Donald J. Zelenka

Donald J. Zelenka
Deputy Attorney General