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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: Ashley Tavelle Pointer, SCDC No. 290973 v. State; Appellate Case No. 2022-00564.

Dear Ms. Howard:

I have very recently been retained in the above captioned Post-Conviction Relief Appeal for the limited purpose of filing a Response to the *Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari* submitted in this matter by Katherine H. Hudgins, Esquire. I am writing to request that I be granted a forty-five (45) day extension of time in which to file a Response to the *Johnson Petition* filed in this PCR Appeal. Inasmuch as the *Johnson letter* sent to Mr. Pointer was dated *February 10, 2023*, by my calculations, he had until today's date to submit his Response.

I am asking that the Court's records reflect that I have been retained to write a Response to the *Johnson Petition* filed in this matter, and that I be granted a forty-five (45) day extension of time in which to prepare and file a Response on behalf of Mr. Pointer. I would have limited my request to thirty (30) days; however, I will be out of town on other cases three days this week and have a day long, very complex, PCR hearing with approximately eight (8) witnesses on April 6th. In addition to this letter, I am attaching a COS on opposing counsel, Megan H. Jameson, Esquire, to my transmittal email to the Court. I am totally new to this case and will very much appreciate the extra time requested in order to prepare, serve and file this Response. I remain,

Sincerely,

S/ *Tara D. Shurling*

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Cc: Megan H. Jameson, Esquire
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