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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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

Re: *Karrie Gurwood, et al. v. GCA Services, et al.*
Appellate Case No. 2023-000606 / 2019-001403

Dear Honorable Clerk Howard:

In the above matter, in which we are the appellants/plaintiffs, this letter serves as an **extension request**. That is, for our filing a RETURN OF RESPONDENTS' PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI. We have ensured compliance, submitting this request within 30 days of the RESPONDENTS' PETITION. To clarify, the respondents/defense are GCA Services, et al., represented by Attorney Robert T. Lyles, Jr., of Lyles and Associates (Mt. Pleasant, SC).

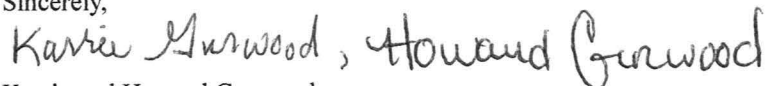
We believe this extension is crucial, and our explanations follow. In 2012, due to negligence by GCA Services (a maintenance company), I was severely injured. And my serious injuries led to an incurable, catastrophic condition that continues to worsen. So, in 2015, we brought suit against GCA Services, et al. In 2019 was our Charleston, SC jury trial. For a host of courtroom errors, we decided to appeal. In approximately December 2022, from the SC Appellate Court, was a letter that our appeal was granted and we are entitled to a second jury trial. In early 2023, Mr. Lyles fought that decision, with the SC Appellate Court, and that Court stuck with their decision. A final attempt against that Appellate Court decision, is when on April 17, 2023 correspondence confirmed that Mr. Lyles filed the above PETITION with the Supreme Court of SC.

Filing a RETURN OF RESPONDENTS' PETITION is still our goal; but, thus far, we have been unsuccessful in securing counsel. That is, on our behalf, to prepare/submit that legally complex document. An attorney we personally know shared with us that the RETURN doc should be completed by someone experienced in SC Judicial Law, which is not us. Therefore, we have contacted multiple law firms, in addition to seeking assistance from the firm who handled our first jury trial. We thought the latter could be exceedingly beneficial, as that firm is the most familiar with our case and wrote the appeal. While we waited for returned communication, and made additional law firm contacts, we put forth valiant effort (to meet or exceed the 30-day timeline). Yet, we are now at that due date, without a RETURN document to submit to your Court.

That being said, to successfully submit the above-discussed RETURN, it is our hope you will grant us another 20 days. With this maximum extension, we would continue the diligent work of seeking counsel, willing to assist in this regard. And we remain optimistic, as some firms were open to writing this legal doc, on our behalf, if they had additional time to complete it.

In summary, we are truly grateful for your consideration. The \$50.00 extension fee will be mailed within the grace period allowed. Please contact us anytime, if clarification or further information is needed.

Sincerely,



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