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June 7, 2023

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

RE: *Ron O'Neal Finklea v. State of South Carolina*  
Appellate Case No. 2019-001104

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent, Ron O'Neal Finklea's, return brief is due to be served on June 20, 2023. This letter is to respectfully request a first 30-day extension to serve and file the return. This extension is necessary due to the heavy workload of counsel for Mr. Finklea.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ John H. Blume  
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