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June 19, 2023

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

RE: United States of America v. Patrick Gerald Clemons – Appellate Case # 2022-001378


Dear Ms. Howard:

On May 22, 2023, this Court invited and encouraged the South Carolina Attorney General's Office to file an amicus brief on behalf of the State in the above-referenced matter currently pending before this Court. Accordingly, the State's amicus brief would be due to be served and filed on June 19, 2023.

The State does intend to file an amicus brief as invited and encouraged by this Court. However, in order to ensure that brief is properly researched and prepared, I am requesting a five-day extension of time to file it. This is the first extension request in regard to the State's amicus brief, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that you hold the filing time in abeyance during the time in which this request is pending. By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for the parties of this request.

Sincerely,



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