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Ms. Howard,

I was initially hired by the Petitioner in the above captioned post-conviction relief, appeal to draft and file a response to the Johnson Petition, filed by appellate counsel in this post-conviction relief appeal. This Honorable Court denied my request to be allowed to do so.

On June 19, 2023, I advised the court that I continued to be very ill with dental issues and requested a 30 day extension and requested leave to file an amended certiorari petition by July 15, 2023. Two days later, I checked the appellate case management system early in the morning and saw an entry indicating that my extension had been granted. Unfortunately, I had my second oral surgery that same morning at 9:30. A.M.

I would ordinarily have immediately opened that order and read it closely. However, I was in a hurry to get to the oral surgery clinic and get signed in time for my procedure. Unfortunately, since that surgery, June 21, 2023, during which one additional molar was pulled and one section of gum was cut open in order to enable the surgeon to grind down a problem with a section of bone that was left jagged after my first surgery in April, I have been sick. I was not feeling well enough to go back and read the actual order entered the same date as my surgical procedure until late Friday. It was then that I discovered the new due date was set for today.

I have worked diligently to complete the Amended Certiorari Petition in time to file it today. Regrettably, I now have a fever and a very sore jaw. I can't stay at my office and finish this Amended Petition tonight. On top of feeling badly, severe storms are moving in near my office and I need to get home. Lightning just struck .9 miles from my office.

I would be most grateful for an additional seven (7) day extension in order to allow me to finish healing and to complete this petition for filing by July 3, 2023. I will try my best to wrap this up earlier if possible.

Please advise me if the Court wishes for me to provide them a copy of my records from my oral surgeon. I would be happy to provide those if the Court feels it is necessary. I would be most grateful for this consideration. I hereby certify that I have sent a copy of this request to opposing counsel, William M. Blitch, Jr. I will send a formal COS in tomorrow.

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