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***VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL***

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

**RE: Darius Darnell Hamilton v. State**  
**Appellate Case No. 2023-000072**

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return To Petition For Writ Of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today, July 10, 2023. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a thirty-day extension to serve and file this brief. This is the second extension request in this case, it is being sought based for good cause, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for the Petitioner of this extension request.

Sincerely,

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