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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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RE: Appellate Case No. 2022-001444, *State v. Brittany Martin*

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

The State's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter was due yesterday, July 19, 2023. At 4:53 PM, the Attorney General's Office requested a third thirty-day extension.

Appellant opposes this request. First, Ms. Martin is serving a four-year prison sentence for nonviolent and constitutionally protected conduct. Each subsequent extension delays speedy resolution of her appeal. Second, despite Appellant's multiple requests for advance notice and despite knowing the deadline weeks ago, the Attorney General's Office again waited until the brief's due date to request an extension. Because the Attorney General's Office has not actually received an extension from this Court, Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter are now late. Finally, the Attorney General's Office has already received two extension requests for the same foreseeable reason (heavy workload) explained in the present request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Meredith McPhail". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

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Undersigned counsel hereby certifies that on July 20, 2023, a true and correct copy of Appellant's Opposition to Respondent's Third Extension is served by electronic mail on counsel for Respondent, William Blich (wblitch@scag.gov) and Mark Farthing (mfarthing@scag.gov).

s/ Meredith D. McPhail

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