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ALAN WILSON
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August 2, 2023

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

RE: State v. Gary Martin Wirtz – Appellate Case # 2023-00162

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced criminal appeal is due to be served and filed on August 2, 2023. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a **ten-day** extension to file the return in compliance with the mandates of this Court's July 16, 2014, order regarding extension requests. This is the first extension request in regard to the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, 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 Petitioner of this request.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Deputy Attorney General
S.C. Bar Number 76901

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cc: Jessica M. Saxon, Esq.
Victim Advocacy Division