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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
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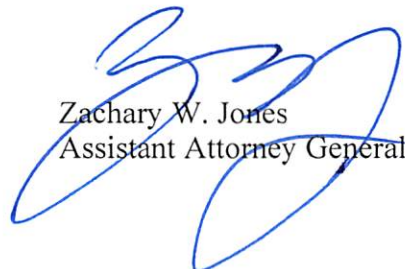
Re: Najm Ahmad Thomas, #377500 v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2023-000643

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a first, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel. By copy of this letter, the undersigned is notifying opposing counsel of this request.

Please let me know if I can provide the Court with any additional information regarding this first extension request.

Sincerely,



Zachary W. Jones
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: J. Falkner Wilkes, Counsel for Petitioner (via email only)