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September 25, 2023

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

Re: James Michael Johnson v. State of South Carolina  
Appellate Case No: 2023-001191

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed today, September 25, 2023. Undersigned counsel hereby request a 30-day extension in which to serve and file its Petition and Appendix. Due to counsel's caseload, including addressing capital matters, counsel has been unable to complete the return.

I respectfully request this Court grant an extension until October 25 to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix.

Sincerely,

*s/ Melody J. Brown*

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