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The Hon. Patricia A. Howard
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: John Doe v. Bishop of Charleston
Appellate Case No. 2023-001491

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Respondent's return to the certiorari petition is due by October 23, 2023. Rich Dukes of our firm is the lead attorney in this case. He is currently out of the country on sabbatical leave and will not be back until November 21, 2023. To allow Mr. Dukes to participate in drafting the return, we respectfully ask that the Court extend the deadline until December 1, 2023. Although this is slightly longer than a normal extension, we submit that the extra time is needed under these unusual circumstances, especially since the Thanksgiving holidays will take place shortly after Mr. Dukes returns to the country. I have consulted with the Petitioner's counsel, and they have graciously consented to this request.

Thank you for considering this request, and please do not hesitate to contact me if the Court needs additional information. Please note that a check for the motion filing fee is being mailed to your office.



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Sincerely,

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