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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of Court, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
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**Re: Johnnie W. Gaskins, #313590 v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No: 2023-00085**  
**Lower Case No:2022-CP-40-1854**

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a first, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return. This extension request is made in good faith and not intended for delay, but rather due to counsel's heavy workload and to ensure the return is properly researched and prepared.

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

Sincerely,

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