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November 20, 2023

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

RE: State v. Kayla Marie Cook – Appellate Case # 2023-001531

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 November 20, 2023. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a **five-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 third extension request in regard to the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, it follows previous extension requests totaling fifteen days, 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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