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

**RE: Eric Harper v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2023-000538**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Please be advised I will be representing the State in the above-referenced PCR appeal. Please add my name as counsel of record and forward all future correspondence regarding this matter directly to me.

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this appeal was due to be served and filed December 27, 2023. However, due to a calendaring error, neither the return nor an extension request was filed. I respectfully request that the Court accept this request out of time for a third 30-day extension. This request is based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel. Counsel for Petitioner has consented to this extension request pursuant to a reciprocal agreement between the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Appellate Defense.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Breen R. Stevens, Counsel for Petitioner (*via email only*) *Via E-Filing Only*

In compliance with: *In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases*, (S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).



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