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January 2, 2024

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

RE: Jodi Stapleton v. State of South Carolina – Appellate Case No. 2023-000473

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed on January 2, 2024. However, due to a heavy workload, I am respectfully requesting a thirty-day extension of time to file this document. This is the second extension request in this case, 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 extension request.

Additionally, please be advised Suzanne Shaw, Esquire, has left the South Carolina Attorney General's Office and should be removed as counsel of record in the above-captioned cases. Please add me as counsel of record for the State and forward all future correspondence regarding this matter to me. Thank you very much, and if you should have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (803) 734-4117.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Farthing
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
Bar Number 76901

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cc: Jessica M. Saxon, Esquire (via email)
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