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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of Court, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211
(by email only – supctfilings@sccourts.org)

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 third, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return to petition. This extension request is made in good faith and not intended to delay, but rather due to counsel's heavy workload and to ensure the return to petition is properly researched and prepared. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to this request via email.

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

Sincerely,

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