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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
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**Re: Henry Dukes, #347234 v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2023-000522**

Dear Ms. Howard:

The above-referenced matter is currently pending before this Court. With the court's permission, I respectfully request to please be substituted as counsel of record for the State in place of Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka as I intend to represent the State in this matter going forward. Respondent's Return to the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a **second**, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return 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 first extension request.

Sincerely,

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Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 5098

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cc: Joanna K. Delany, Counsel for Petitioner (via email only)  
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