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February 9, 2024

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

RE: State v. Jason Edwin Stoots – Appellate Case #2023-000601

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Brief of Respondent in the above-referenced criminal appeal is due to be served and filed on February 9, 2024. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a **ten-day** extension to file the brief in compliance with the mandates of this Court's July 16, 2014, order regarding extension requests. This is the first extension request in regard to the Brief of Respondent, 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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Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
S.C. Bar Number 76901

MRF/cc

cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esq.
Victim Advocacy Division