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**SC Court of Appeals**

The Honorable Jenny Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: The State v. Justin Tyler Ellaree Hopkins  
Appellate Case No. 2022-001567

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The initial reply brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case are due to be served and filed today. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a five (5) day extension of this deadline. No prior extensions have been requested in this case.

On January 31, 2024, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through February 29, 2024.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary H Johnson  
Appellate Defender

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cc: Melody J. Brown, Esquire