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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 26, 2024. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a final **five-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 third extension request in regard to the Brief of Respondent, it follows earlier extension requests totaling fifteen days for the brief, 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, Esquire  
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