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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(via e-filing only - [supctfilings@sccourts.org](mailto:supctfilings@sccourts.org))

**Re: Henry Dukes, #347234 v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2023-000522**

Dear Ms. Howard:

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 **third**, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel.

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

Sincerely,

Deborah R.J. Shupe  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 5098

I have reviewed and approve this extension request:

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DONALD J. ZELENKA  
Deputy Attorney General

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