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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)

Re: Trenton M. Barnes v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No: 2023-001267

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent's **Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari** in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a first, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of the undersigned counsel.

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

Sincerely,

D. Russell Barlow, II
Assistant Attorney General
SC Bar No. 105228

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cc: Gary H. Johnson, II, Counsel for Petitioner (via email only)