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April 5, 2024

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

RE: Thomas Anthony Styla v. State - Appellate Case No. 2024-000128

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Petitioner-Respondent's Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal are due to be served and filed on April 5, 2024. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a thirty-day extension to serve and file these documents. This is the **first** extension request in this case, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay. I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that the filing deadlines be held in abeyance while this request is pending.

Sincerely,

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MRF/cc

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