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

**Re: David James Welch v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2023-000811**

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed on today's date. However, the State respectfully requests a second, thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay and is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

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Victim Advocacy Division