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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 **third**, 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,

Ambree M. Muller
Assistant Attorney General
SC Bar No. 104213

I have reviewed and approve this extension request:

MARK R. FARTHING
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Breen R. Stevens, Esquire
Victim Advocacy Division