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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Beaufort County  
Honorable Brooks P. Goldsmith and Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judges  
Appellate Case No. 2023-000846

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THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

JAKAVIS GREEN,

Appellant.

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**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH  
TO SERVE AND FILE INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

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Respondent (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

**I.**

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed on May 13, 2024.

**II.**

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the State moves for a **fourth** extension in the above-referenced criminal appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the brief in this case. Earlier today, the undersigned filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Supreme Court in Anthony Briggs v.

State. Additionally, in the past few weeks, the undersigned counsel has submitted a response to a pro se filing at the request of the Court of Appeals in State v. Bryan Murray; has filed an Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the Court of Appeals in State v. Joquell Wayne Myers; has filed the Final Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the Court of Appeals in State v. Justin Tyler Anderson; has filed the Final Brief of Respondent in the Court of Appeals in State v. James B. Curry; and has participated in oral argument before the Supreme Court at Coker University in Hartsville, South Carolina, in State v. Derrick Tyler Mills. Along with that, the undersigned counsel has attended to other responsibilities—including supervisory and administrative ones—in the office.

### III.

The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The Brief in the above-referenced case involves an issue related to the constitutionality of Section 56-5-2120 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Brief in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Brief due to a heavy workload, other significant challenges that have resulted from staffing issues that continue to be experienced by the undersigned counsel's office, and some unanticipated matters that have required the undersigned counsel's attention. Accordingly, in order to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

**WHEREFORE**, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on

Respondent's motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

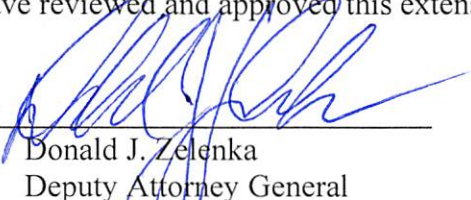
Respectfully submitted,

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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

By:   
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Donald J. Zelenka  
Deputy Attorney General

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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I, Caroline Collins, certify I have served the within Motion for the Fourth Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Appellant by sending an electronic copy via email to the addresses listed in AIS for the following individual:

Gary Howard Johnson, II, Esquire  
S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense  
1330 Lady Street, Suite 401  
Columbia, SC 29201-3332

I further certify all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.  
This 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.



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CAROLINE COLLINS  
Administrative Coordinator  
Office of the Attorney General