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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Maurio D. Rivers v. State of South Carolina – Appellate Case #2020-001106

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The State intends to file a reply to the Return in Opposition to Motion to Strike in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal, and that reply is currently due to be served and filed on July 5, 2024. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a **five-day** extension to file this reply. This is the first extension request in regard to the reply, it is not intended for the purpose of delay, and the State does not believe any further extensions will be needed for it.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that you hold the filing time in abeyance during the time in which this request is pending. By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for Petitioner of this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esq.  
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