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August 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 of South Carolina  
Appellate Case No. 2024-000128

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Respondent/Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed on August 5, 2024. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a thirty-day extension to serve and file this document. This is the **second** 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,

J. Benjamin Aplin  
Assistant Attorney General  
S.C. Bar Number 8729

JBA/ss

cc: Jack B. Swerling, Esquire (via electronic service)  
Victim Advocacy Division