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September 12, 2024

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

RE: State v. Herbert E. Pray, III – Appellate Case # 2023-000972

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Brief of Petitioner in the above-referenced criminal appeal is due to be served and filed on September 12, 2024. However, due to my heavy workload and my lack of any prior involvement in this particular case at any stage of the appellate process before the State's petition for a writ of certiorari was granted on August 13, 2024, I am requesting one **ten-day** extension of time to serve and file the State's brief. This is the first extension request in regard to the Brief of Petitioner, it is not intended for the purpose of delay, and the State does not believe any additional extension will be necessary. The State previously requested extensions totaling twenty days for the petition for a writ of certiorari in compliance with the mandates of this Court's July 16, 2014, order regarding extension requests, but those extensions were requested by William M. Blicht, Jr., who is now Disciplinary Counsel for the State of South Carolina and, thus, is no longer representing the State in this matter as he previously had been. 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 Respondent of this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: Robert Irvin Sussman, Esquire (via electronic mail)
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