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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
(via e-filing only - supctfilings@sccourts.org)

Re: Derek W. Gibson, #334215 v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2024-001408

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent's **Petition for Writ of Certiorari** in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a first, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of the undersigned counsel. Opposing Counsel has graciously consented to this request via interagency agreement.

Please let me know if I can provide the Court with any additional information regarding this first extension request.

Sincerely,

Talida Balaj
Assistant Attorney General
SC Bar No. 106523

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cc: Kathrine Haggard Hudgins, Counsel for Petitioner (via email only)