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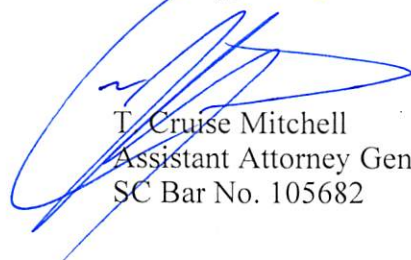
The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(by email only)

**Re: John A. James, III v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2024-000178**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. I am respectfully requesting a thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but rather, is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 105682

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