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November 21, 2024  
(via electronic submission only)

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

Re: *The State v. Francisco Maldonado-Molina*  
Appeal from Spartanburg County  
Appellate Case No. 2023-001995

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I hereby request an extension of thirty (30) days up to and including December 23, 2024, in which to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. The Initial Brief & Designation of Matter is currently due to be served and filed today, November 21, 2024. However, because of my involvement in other matters in state and federal court, I have been unable to timely complete the Initial Brief. Opposing Counsel has graciously consented to all extensions through November 30, 2024.

Therefore, I am requesting this extension within which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter. I am informing opposing counsel of my request by copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

*s/Melody J. Brown*

Melody J. Brown

Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Kathrine Hudgins, Esquire (via email only)