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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO LEXINGTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
The Honorable Jocelyn Newman, PCR Judge

Appellate Case No. 2024-000231

JONATHAN C. HUGHES, #367815

PETITIONER,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE RETURN TO PETITION
FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI AND MOTION TO FILE OUT OF TIME**

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari was due be served and filed on December 16, 2024. However, due to calendaring oversight by below-signed counsel, Respondent did not timely submit an extension request. Respondent respectfully requests that the Court accept this motion to file its fourth extension request out of time and moves for a 30-day extension in which to serve and file the Return.

The request for extension is made due to counsel's heavy caseload, including addressing capital case matters, as well as numerous pending PCR matters. Given his caseload at this time, counsel has been unable to complete the Return. Consequently, counsel respectfully requests that this Court grant an extension until January 15, 2024, to serve and file the Return. Opposing counsel

has graciously consented to this request via email and inter-agency agreement. No further extensions will be requested.

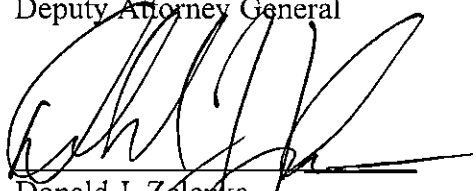
WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel for Respondent respectfully requests a fourth **thirty-day extension** until **January 15, 2024**, in which to complete and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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