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December 30, 2024

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

Re: *The State vs. Nathaniel Rowland*; Appellate Case No. 2024-001771

Dear Ms. Howard:

The captioned case is a murder direct appeal on petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals to review their opinion affirming the convictions. It is subject to the 20-day order regarding extensions for returns. The return was due Friday, December 27, 2024, the Court having previously granted a 20-day extension. On Friday, Respondent intended to request a brief 2-day extension; however, instead of the request drafted for this case, a letter relevant to another case was inadvertently served and filed on counsel for a separate case. Undersigned counsel discovered this error today. After communication with the Clerk's Office, we understand it most appropriate to file this letter with an explanation.

Respondent, therefore, respectfully requests this Court accept this amended request for an extension until December 31, 2024, for these reasons: While working diligently, I have been also aiding in drafting a response to an original jurisdiction writ in a capital matter and completed on Friday a return in another capital case, while also attempting over the last few weeks to address extensions generally to reduce the overall number. Additionally, understanding the intent to shorten the time for filing for this review, I am only requesting an extension of 2 business days which should not significantly delay this matter overall. I will continue to work diligently to complete the return. For these reasons, I respectfully request an extension until December 31, 2024, to file the return in this matter. It is my understanding that counsel consents pursuant to the general agreement between our agencies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

s/ Melody J. Brown

Melody J. Brown

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cc: Lara Caudy, Esq. (via email only)