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January 6, 2025

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

RE: Francisco R. Rodriguez v. State of South Carolina – Appellate Case # 2024-001981

Dear Ms. Howard:

Based on notification received from judicial staff earlier today, the Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal was due to be served and filed on December 23, 2024. However, due to an inadvertent calendar oversight and heavy workload, I was unaware of the due date to file the return. As a result, I respectfully request an extension, out of time until January 6, 2025, to file the return and accept Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari as timely filed. This is the *first* extension request in regard to the Respondent's return to the writ of certiorari, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that you hold the filing time in abeyance during the time in which this request is pending. By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for Petitioner of this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kathrine Haggard Hudgins, Esq.
Victim Advocacy Division