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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Colleton County
The Honorable Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent,

v.

RITA M. PANGALANGAN,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001446

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a fourth and final thirty (30) day extension up to and including February 5, 2025, in which to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. Opposing counsel has today graciously consented to this request via email. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter is due today, January 6, 2025, as per this Court's Order dated December 4, 2024, granting Respondent's third extension request. The undersigned attorney for the Respondent has had a number of state and federal matters to attend to since December 2024. Specifically,

1. Counsel prepared for and attended a hearing on Motion for Release Pending Review of Decision Ordering Release on **December 9, 2024**, in Spartanburg County in the matter of K. C. Langford v. Donnie Stonebreaker, Jr., Warden, Evans Correctional Institution, C/A No. 9:20-cv-01298-DCC, a matter pending in the District Court;

2. Counsel prepared and filed the Final Brief of Respondent on **December 13, 2024**, in the matter of The State v. Braylon Morris, Appellate Case No. 2023-000608, a matter pending in S.C. Court of Appeals;

3. Counsel participated in a Status Conference with Judge Kristi Curtis via Zoom on **December 17, 2024**, in the capital case of The State v. Timothy Ray Jones, Jr., Appellate Case No. 2019-001008, a matter pending in the S.C. Court of Appeals;

4. Counsel prepared and filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari on **December 17, 2024** in the matter of The State v. Xzavier Sharif Davis, Appellate Case No. 2024-001773, a matter pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court;

5. Counsel filed the Final Brief of Respondent on **December 19, 2024**, in the matter of The State v. Genari McNeil, Appellate Case No. 2023-000591, a matter pending in the S.C. Court of Appeals;

6. Counsel filed the Final Brief of Respondent on **December 20, 2024**, in the matter of The State v. Marvin Donte Bryan, Appellate Case No. 2017-001468, a matter pending in the South Carolina Court of Appeals;

7. Counsel filed the Motion to Dismiss (with attachments) in the matter of Jerry L. Franklin, Jr. vs. Warden John Palmer, C/A No. 1:24-cv-4773-JD-SVH on **January 2, 2025**;

8. Counsel filed the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Travontae J. Mitchell, Appellate Case No. 2023-001323, on **January 3, 2025**;

9. Counsel filed the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Che Leon Ransom, Jr., Appellate Case No. 2023-001348, on **January 3, 2025**;

10. Counsel has been involved in working on other matters in state and federal court. This request is not made for the purpose of delay but due to the foregoing.

WHEREFORE, counsel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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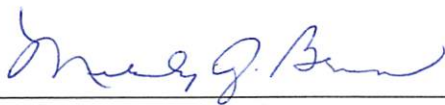
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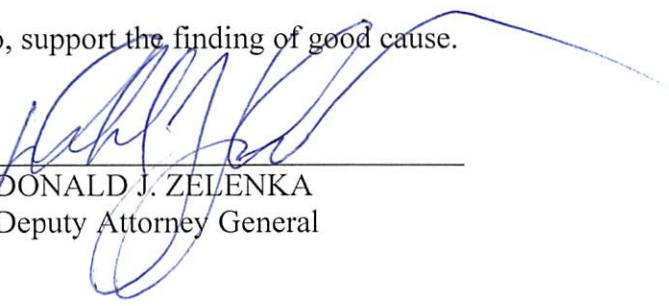
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I support the finding of good cause.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Tommy Evans, Jr., hereby certify that as per the March 20, 2020 Order of the Chief Justice, the Fourth Extension to file the Initial Brief of Respondent, Designation of Matter, and Proof of Service has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Dayne Phillips, Esq., via email today, January 6, 2025 to dayne@pricebenowitz.com.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This is the 6th day of January 2025.

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