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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Beaufort County

Honorable J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

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ANTHONY DAYON BEST,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001501

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION TO SERVE AND FILE  
THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
AND APPENDIX

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Counsel for Anthony Dayon Best respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, from March 24, 2025 until April 23, 2025**, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Anthony Dayon Best respectfully submits that extraordinary

circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

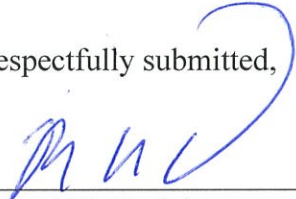
3. Counsel will file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Leslie Twyman v. The State with this Court on Friday, March 21, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Gregory Benjamin with the Court of Appeals on Monday, March 17, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Justin Cole Carroll with the Court of Appeals on Friday, March 7, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Devin Jamel Johnson with the Court of Appeals on March 6, 2025. Counsel was an appellate panel member at the annual Criminal Law CLE sponsored by the South Carolina Bar on Friday, February 28, 2025 in Columbia. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Craig Lee Legette with the Court of Appeals on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Counsel, with co-counsel Lara M. Caudy, filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Bowen Gray Turner with the Court of Appeals on January 23, 2025. Counsel, with co-counsel Lara M. Caudy, filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Kierin Marcellus Dennis with this Court on Friday, January 17, 2025. **Counsel also has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including attempting to hire another Appellate Defender and an administrative assistant, while carrying a full caseload.**

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

5. On March 3, 2025, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously

consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through March 31, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension from March 24, 2025 until April 23, 2025**, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 24th day of March, 2025.