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Good Afternoon,

Attached please find the State's motion for a second extension of time within which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the State v. Richard Alexander Murdaugh (2023-000392) appeal. By copy of this email, I am serving counsel for Appellant. As reflected in the messages below, the State through Don Zelenka reached out to opposing counsel yesterday to find out their position on the State's motion. Please be advised that opposing counsel responded to us via email this afternoon and has advised they do not consent to the State's motion.

If you will, please confirm receipt.

Thank you,

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Don
We will not consent.
Dick

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Dick, Jim, Phil, et al –

We are going to request a 120 day extension to complete the Respondent's brief in this matter. I have restructured the appellate team due to impact the executions have had on our staff time and have included Mark Farthing on the team going forward in light of Melody Brown's pending death penalty litigation priorities in the coming months. I hope that this addition will allow the completion of the brief within the requested time period. The brief is currently due April 10, 2025 so the request would have it due August 8, 2025.

Please advise us of your position in this matter so we can inform the Court. We plan to file the motion tomorrow, April 3, 2025.

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