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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
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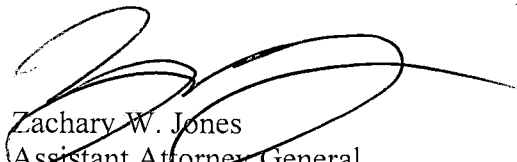
**Re: Lemont M. Smith, #380310 v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2025-000324**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a first, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel. Counsel for Petitioner has consented to this extension request.

Please let me know if I can provide the Court with any additional information regarding this first extension request.

Sincerely,

  
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SC Bar No. 104174

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cc: James R. Snell, Jr., Counsel for Petitioner (via email only)