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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
1015 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Gary Lamont Petty v. State – Appellate Case # 2025-001324

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On September 3, 2025, this Court asked the State to submit a return to the pro se petition for rehearing and supplemental petition for rehearing submitted in the above-referenced appeal. Based on this Court's letter, the State's return is due to be served and filed on September 15, 2025. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a **five-day** extension to file the return. This is the first extension request in regard to the return to petition for rehearing, 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 listed for Petitioner of this request. Because Petty appears to be a represented party in the matter to which his pro se petition relates, the State believes it is prohibited from engaging in direct communications with Petty at this time. Rule 4.2, RPC, Rule 407, SCACR. Based on that, the State respectfully asks Petty's listed counsel, Wanda H. Carter, Esquire, to share the State's request with her client.

Sincerely,

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MRF/cc
cc: Wanda H. Carter, Esq.
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