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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, The South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: The State v. Francisco Cortes
Appellate Case No. 2024-002210

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced appeal are due to be served and filed on October 10, 2025. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a thirty-day extension to serve and file these documents. This is the **first** extension request in this case, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay. I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that the filing deadlines be held in abeyance while this request is pending.

Sincerely,

J. Benjamin Aplin
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S.C. Bar Number 8729

JBA/ss

cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire
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