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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of the Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(*via email only- supctfilings@sccourts.org*)

**Re: Joseph Russell Umphlett v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2025-001539**

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.

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

Sincerely,

Danielle Dixon  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 73999

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cc: Wesley Chandler Norville, Counsel for Petitioner (*via email only*)