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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(via e-filing only - [supctfilings@sccourts.org](mailto:supctfilings@sccourts.org))

**Re: Ricardo L. Middleton, #381526 v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No: 2025-001597**

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 second, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of the undersigned counsel. Counsel for Petitioner is copied on this request should he have any objections.

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

Sincerely,

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Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 105228

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cc: C. Rauch Wise, Counsel for Petitioner (via email only)