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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)

Re: Nakia K. Johnson v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No: 2025-000553

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 third, thirty-day extension to serve and file this petition based on the heavy caseload of the undersigned counsel. Counsel for Petitioner courteously consents to this request via interagency agreement.

Additionally, please remove Ryan T. Kowalski and add the undersigned as counsel of record.

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

Sincerely,

D. Russell Barlow, II
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
SC Bar No. 105228

DRB/sce

cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Counsel for Petitioner (*via email only*)