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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court  
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Columbia, SC 29211  
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**Re: Samuel Smiley v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2025-000337**

Dear Ms. Howard,

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Brief of Respondent in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal are due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a third, thirty-day extension to serve and file the Return and Brief based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel. Counsel for Petitioner has consented to this extension request pursuant to a reciprocal agreement between the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Appellate Defense.

If I can provide the Court with any additional information regarding this extension request, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jordan M. Wayburn, Counsel for Petitioner (via email only)