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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM ABBEVILLE COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2024-CP-01-00375
Appellate Case No. 2007-054161

Steven Bixby, *Petitioner*;

v.

State of South Carolina, *Respondent*.

**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE PETITIONER'S REPLY BRIEF**

This case is before the Court on Petitioner Steven Bixby's petition for a writ of certiorari to review the order of The Honorable R. Scott Sprouse finding Bixby competent to be executed. Bixby's petition was filed on December 1, 2025. The State filed its return on December 23, 2025. Pursuant to Rule 243(h), SCACR, Bixby's reply brief is presently due on January 2, 2026.

The briefing schedule in this matter has fallen directly within the 2025 holiday season and undersigned counsel's pre-planned holiday travel and family obligations. Additionally, counsel Swift and Weiss are working to meet a January 2026 briefing deadline in another South Carolina capital case pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. *See Dickerson v. Anderson*, No. 25-4. Counsel therefore respectfully request a 14-day extension of time to file a reply brief on behalf of Mr. Bixby, up to and including January 16, 2026. The undersigned

believe this request to be appropriate in view of the short time requested and the high stakes in this capital case.

Counsel for the State have been consulted and consent to the requested extension. The Petitioner therefore requests that the Court issue an order setting January 16, 2026, as the due date for his reply brief.

Submitted on January 1, 2026.

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