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January 2, 2026

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
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Re: The State v. Marcus D. Batson
Honorable J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge
Opinion No. 2025-UP-341 (S.C. Ct. App. Filed October 8, 2025)

Dear Ms. Howard:

The petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the above-referenced case is due to be served and filed today, January 2, 2026. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a five-day extension of this deadline. No prior extensions have been requested related to this petition.

On November 26, 2025, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through January 5, 2026.

Thanking you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanna K. Delany', written in a cursive style.

Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender

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Good Afternoon Mr. Larrabee,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the first motion for an extension of time to serve and file the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals. This motion will be filed with the Supreme Court today, January 2, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you!

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