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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
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**Re: Joseph Russell Umphlett v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2025-001539**

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 return 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.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: W. Chandler Norville, Counsel for Petitioner (via email only)