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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
(by email only – Suspectfilings@sccourts.org)

Re: Kwamaine Jarelle Ross v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2025-000412

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. I am respectfully requesting a second thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but rather, is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

T. Cruise Mitchell
Assistant Attorney General
SC Bar No. 105682

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cc: Gary H. Johnson, II, Counsel for Petitioner (*via email only*)