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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

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, Appellate Case No. 2026-000009  
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 9, 2026. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a five-day extension of this deadline. One prior extension has been requested related to this petition.

On January 2, 2026, 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 February 1, 2026.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Joanna K. Delany  
Appellate Defender

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cc: R. Brandon Larrabee, Esquire  
S. C. Court of Appeals