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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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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Good Morning Mr. Larrabee,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the second 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 9, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you!

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