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

Re: Matthew J. Bryant v. State -- Appellate Case No. 2025-000966

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. I would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to serve and file this Return. This is my **second** request for an extension in this matter.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay but is necessitated by my heavy workload.

Sincerely,

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