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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 16, 2026. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a five-day extension of this deadline. Two prior extensions have 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