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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
(via e-filing only - supctfilings@sccourts.org)

Re: Weldon W. Stewart, Jr., #295095 v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No: 2025-000136

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. Respondent respectfully requests a third, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of the undersigned counsel.

Please let me know if I can provide the Court with any additional information regarding this third extension request.

Sincerely,

D. Russell Barlow, II
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
SC Bar No. 105228

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cc: Weldon W. Stewart, Jr., *pro se* Petitioner (via U.S. mail only)