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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
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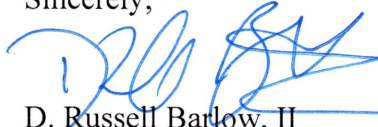
Re: Jerald J. Howard v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2025-001319

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 first, thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel. Opposing Counsel has graciously consented to this request via interagency agreement.

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

Sincerely,


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