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ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 13, 2026

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

RE: Matthew Jamie Bryant v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2025-000966

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced appeal is due to be served and filed on February 13, 2026. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a thirty-day extension to serve and file this document. This is the **third** extension request in this case, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay. I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that the filing deadline be held in abeyance while this request is pending.

Sincerely,

Joshua A. Edwards
Assistant Attorney General
SC Bar No. 101188

I have reviewed and approve this extension request:

MARK R. FARTHING
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