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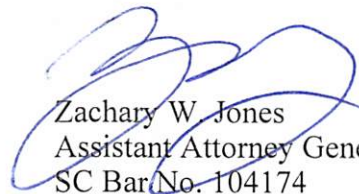
The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
(by email only – Supctfilings@sccourts.org)

Re: Nicholas J. McIver v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2025-000602

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent's Return to the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. I am respectfully requesting a first thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but rather, is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,


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