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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Jody Lynn Ward v. State
Appellate Case No. 2025-001703

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The petition for writ of certiorari in the above-referenced case is due to be served and filed today. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension of this deadline. No prior extensions have been requested in this case.

On February 3, 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 March 1, 2026.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jessica M. Saxon
Appellate Defender

JMS/kpw

cc: Melody J. Brown, Esquire

Warren, Kaylynn

From: Warren, Kaylynn
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Good Morning,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the First Motion for Extension to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari which will be filed today, February 20, 2026, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Respectfully,

Kaylynn

Kaylynn Warren

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