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

Re: Christopher Ray Smith v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2025-002107

Dear Ms. Howard:

The State's Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the above-referenced post-conviction relief cross-appeal are due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a third, thirty-day extension from today's date to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel. Counsel for Petitioner has consented to this extension request pursuant to a reciprocal agreement between the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Appellate Defense.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Sarah E. Shipe, Counsel for Petitioner (via email only)