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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Common Pleas
Appeal from Kershaw County
Honorable Doyet A. Early, III, Trial Judge
Honorable Daniel M. Coble, Post-Conviction Relief Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-000553

NAKIA K. JOHNSON,

PETITIONER,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

**MOTION TO FILE RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF
CERTIORARI OUT OF TIME**

Counsel for Respondent respectfully moves this Court to relax Rule 243(g), SCACR, to file Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari out of time. Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari was due to be filed and served on April 1, 2026. Due to a calendaring error, the undersigned counsel missed the deadline. Significantly though, the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is now completed, and Respondent is contemporaneously serving and filing that document at the same time Respondent is filing this motion on today's date, Friday, April 3, 2026. The undersigned counsel apologizes for any inconvenience this request has caused to the Court and to the Petitioner and does not believe this request will result in any prejudice to

the Petitioner should it be granted.

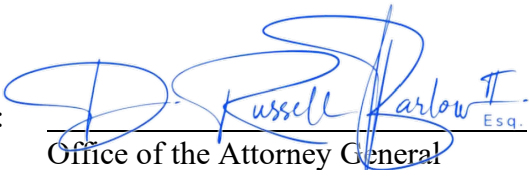
WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that this Court relax the requirements of Rule 243(g), SCACR; permit Respondent to file and serve the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari two days out of time; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper

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