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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM AIKEN COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Courtney Clyburn Pope, Circuit Court Judge

Supreme Court Case No. 2025-002354

Otis Owens .....Respondent,

v.

Sheriff Michael Hunt, the Aiken County Sheriff’s Office, Aiken County Detention Center and  
Aiken County .....Petitioners.

**Motion for Extension**

Counsel respectfully requests a fifteen-day extension to file Respondent’s initial brief in the above captioned matter. This request is based on professional commitments, including deadlines for other matters. Additionally, counsel has been dealing with a medical issue that has made it difficult for counsel to speak and chew. Counsel has had numerous medical appointments with various providers to seek temporary relief to manage the pain and meet her professional obligations. She has also started the process of preparing for a third jaw surgery that likewise has required numerous medical appointments, including meeting with her surgeon, her dentist, multiple scans, and physical therapy appointments.

Currently, the deadline to file Respondent's Return is set for April 13, 2026. If granted, the new deadline will be April 28, 2026. For these reasons, counsel requests the motion be granted and all deadlines held in abeyance until the Court rules on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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