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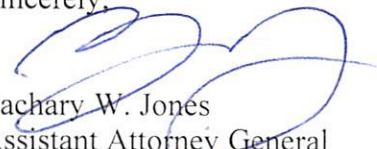
The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return. This is the **third** extension request in this case, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay. I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that the filing deadline be held in abeyance while this request is pending.

Sincerely,

  
Zachary W. Jones  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 104174

I have reviewed and approve this extension request:

  
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