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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
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Re: The State v. Jarquez Cooper  
Appellate Case No. 2024-000902

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case are due to be served and filed today. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension of this deadline. One prior extension has been requested in this case.

On March 30, 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 May 1, 2026.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary H. Johnson  
Appellate Defender

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cc: Melody J. Brown, Esquire