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

Re: Charles E. Carpenter, #181783 v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2026-000702

Dear Ms. Howard:

The above-referenced original jurisdiction action has been assigned to the undersigned for response. The **Return to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus** is due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a ten-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel. Additionally, counsel was in a term of court in the 5th Circuit last week and is currently in a term of court in the 11th Circuit.

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

Sincerely,

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