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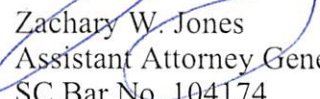
The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Jeremiah Smith, Jr. v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2025-001998


Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due to be served and filed on June 17, 2026. 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:


MARK R. FARTHING
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

ZWJ/ss

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