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

**Re: Laquavious T. Cleveland v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No: 2026-000355**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent's Return Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a first, thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel.

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

Sincerely,

D. Russell Barlow, II  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 105228

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cc: Bruce A. Byrholt, Counsel for Petitioner(*via email only*)