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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT**

Certiorari to Lexington County
The Honorable Jocelyn J. Newman, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-002090

JO PRADUBSRI,

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a two-week extension in which to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced case. Opposing counsel has consented to all extension request through July 1, 2026. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due today, June 29, 2026, upon this Court's grant of Respondent's third request for an extension filed May 29, 2026.

The undersigned attorney for the Respondent has had a number matters to attend since May 29, 2026, Specifically,

1. Counsel prepared and filed a Renewed Motion for Summary Judgment and Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment in a federal

habeas matter of *Patrick Booker v. Warden of Kirkland Correctional Institution* on June 5, 2026;
and

2. Counsel has been preparing for a status conference hearing held today in Lexington County for *The State v. Alexander Murdaugh*. While preparing for the hearing, counsel filed a Motion to Retract Conditional Objections and Unseal and Remove Restrictions as to the *In Camera* Hearing Transcript Supporting Juror 785's Removal.

However, due to counsel's involvement in these and other matters pending in state and federal court and considering counsel's responsibilities as Deputy Attorney General of the Criminal Division, counsel is unable to timely complete the Return in this proceeding. Thus, counsel is requesting an extension of time in which to file the Return in this matter. This request is made in good faith, and not for the purposes of delay.

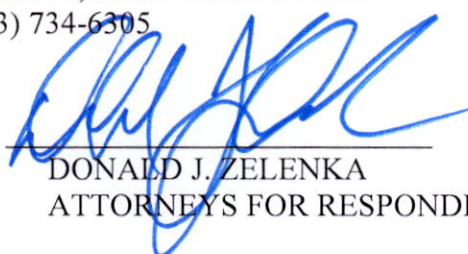
WHEREFORE, premises considered, for good cause shown, counsel hereby respectfully requests a two-week extension of time to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

Respectfully submitted,

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