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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court  
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**Re: Adrian V. Simmons v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2025-002248**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent's Return to 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 second, 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 first extension request.

Sincerely,

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