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S.C. SUPREME COURT

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas  
The Honorable Daniel M. Coble, PCR Judge  
The Honorable R. Knox McMahon, Circuit Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2025–002129

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Peter L. Coffey, SCDC #226897,

Petitioner,

v.

State Of South Carolina,

Respondent.

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**MOTION FOR A FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO SERVE AND FILE THE  
RETURN TO PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

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Counsel for Respondent respectfully moves for a **fourth** and **final** extension of ten (10) days in which to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows<sup>1</sup>:

1. The Return to Petition for a Writ of Certiorari is due to be served and filed with the Court today, July 27, 2026.
2. Counsel for Respondent respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant the granting of an additional time extension. Given the number of extensions

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<sup>1</sup> In compliance with: In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his heavy caseload, Counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel had a term of court on July 13 – 17, 2026, in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, which Counsel has been working on throughout the months of June and July in order to coordinate, publish, and prepare for.
4. Counsel had a term of court on July 20 – 24, 2026, in the Second Judicial Circuit.
5. In the last two months, Counsel has had multiple PCR filings due with the lower courts in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.
6. Counsel has been working on orders of dismissal for the Second, Eighth, Eleventh, and Sixteenth Judicial Circuits.
7. Counsel has another return to a petition for a writ of certiorari due on July 27, 2026.
8. This extension request is made in good faith and not intended for delay, but rather due to counsel's heavy workload and to ensure the return is properly researched and prepared.
9. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to this request via interagency agreement.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a ten-day extension in which to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

**|SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS|**

Respectfully submitted,

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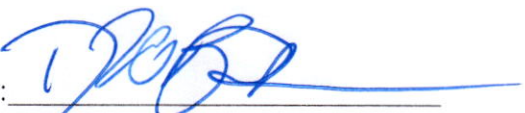
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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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July 27, 2026