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August 10, 2026

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

Re: The State v. Willie J. Smith
Appellate Case No: 2026-001428

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due to be served and filed today, August 10, 2026. Undersigned, counsel hereby requests a 7-day extension in which to serve and file its Return. Due to counsel's caseload, including addressing capital matters, counsel has been unable to complete the return.

I respectfully request this Court grant an extension until August 17, 2026, to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari. Opposing counsel has consented to all extension requests through September 1, 2026.

Sincerely,

s/ Melody J. Brown

Melody J. Brown
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire (via email only)