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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

**Re: James Steven Patton v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2025-002565**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above case is due to be served and filed with the Court today. However, due to my heavy work-load, I am requesting a second, thirty-day extension in which to serve and file this Brief. By copy of this letter, I am informing Dayne C. Phillips, Esquire, of this request.

Sincerely,

Brian H. Gibbs  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 104137

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cc: Dayne C. Phillips, Esquire (*via electronic mail*)  
Victim Advocacy Division