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September 23, 2026

Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
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Re: Antonio R. Lee v. The State
Appellate Case No. 2026-001206

Dear Ms. Howard:

The return to petition for writ of certiorari in the above-referenced case is due to be served and filed today. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension of this deadline. No prior extensions have been requested in this case.

Opposing counsel has graciously consented to all Appellate Defense extensions through October 1, 2026.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Gary H. Johnson", is written over a circular blue stamp. A long horizontal line extends from the signature to the right.

Gary H. Johnson
Appellate Defender

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cc: Kylee Kanealey, Esquire