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September 28, 2026

The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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Re: The State v. Pepper D. Bendel
Appellate Case No. 2026-000998

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case are 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.

By copy of this letter, I am informing opposing counsel, Matthew C. Buchanan, Esquire, of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services, of this request.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lara M. Caudy
Senior Appellate Defender

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Good morning Mr. Buchanan,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the first motion for an extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. This motion will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, September 28, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

Sara McInnis
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