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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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

Re: Derrick L. Bennett v. State
Appellate Case No. 2026-001314

Dear Ms. Howard:

The petition for writ of certiorari and appendix 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.

On September 26, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through November 1, 2026.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathrine H. Hudgins
Senior Appellate Defender

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cc: Jordan B. Killough, Esquire