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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Hakeem Evans v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2025-001620

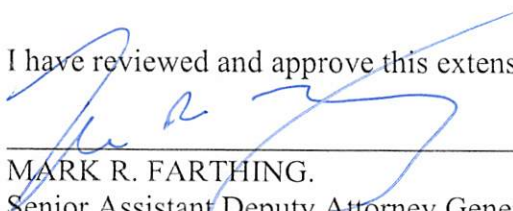
Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed on today's date. However, the State respectfully requests a third, thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay and is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

Zachary W. Jones
Assistant Attorney General
SC Bar No. 104174

I have reviewed and approve this extension request:


MARK R. FARTHING.
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Gary H. Johnson, II, Esquire (via electronic mail)
Victim Advocacy Division