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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: The State v. Richard Cook
Appellate Case No. 2026-000134

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. One prior extension has been requested in this case.

On September 24, 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,

Gary H. Johnson
Appellate Defender

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cc: Mark R. Farthing, Esquire