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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal From Greenville County
The Honorable B. Alex Hyman, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No: 2025-002035

CHRISTIAN SCOWCROFT,

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO SERVE AND
FILE THE RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

Respondent, through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto this Court as follows:

I.

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due to the Court today, pursuant to three previous extensions granted by the Court.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the Respondent moves for a fourth extension in the above referenced appeal. Due to work required in other currently pending cases, the undersigned counsel is unable to complete this Return on time. Since the last extension was granted in this matter, the undersigned counsel has filed a Final Brief of Respondent in The State v. Toby Khan Armstrong (2025-000718); filed an Initial Brief

of Respondent and Designation of Matter in The State v. Mark Anthony Winchell (2025-002455) and The State v. Joseph Gary Landry (2025-000446); submitted a Return to Petition for Rehearing to the Court of Appeals in The State v. Jamira U. Davis (2023-001215); submitted a Petition for Writ Certiorari, Appendix, and Return to Petition for Writ Certiorari in The State v. Nevelle Joshua Eberhart (2026-002120); and has completed an Oral Argument in The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Christopher Hampton v. Jonathan Nance (25-6151). Counsel would therefore request an extension of time within which to serve and file the State's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

III.

The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Return in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Return due to a heavy workload. Accordingly, to ensure the Return is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Return.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case for thirty days; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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