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S.C. SUPREME COURT

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Common Pleas
Appeal from Horry County
Honorable J. Mark Hayes, II, Post-Conviction Relief Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026–000718

Joshua B. Griffith, #358482,

Respondent-Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Petitioner-Respondent.

MOTION FOR A FOURTH EXTENSION TO SERVE AND FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Respondent respectfully moves for a **fourth** and **final** extension of thirty (30) days in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:[1]:

1. The Petition for a Writ of Certiorari and Appendix was due to be served and filed with the Court on November 4, 2026.

[1] In compliance with: In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

2. Counsel for Respondent respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant the granting of an additional time extension. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her heavy caseload, Counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.
3. Counsel assisted in a term of court on October 5-9, 2026, in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, in which Counsel is preparing the orders.
4. Counsel had a term of court on October 26-30, 2026, in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in which Counsel is preparing the orders.
5. Counsel is currently in a term of court in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.
6. Counsel is preparing for a term of court on November 30-December 4, 2026, in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.
7. This extension request is made in good faith and not intended for delay, but rather due to counsel's heavy workload and to ensure the return is properly researched and prepared.
8. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to this request via email.

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WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

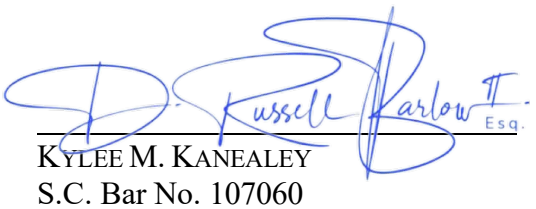
Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney General

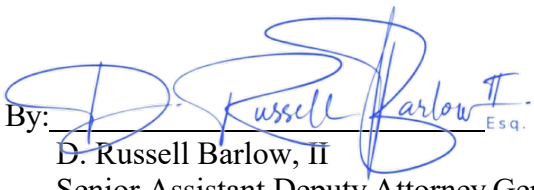
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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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November 4, 2026