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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 ON CROSS APPEAL

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 on Cross Appeal 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 on Cross Appeal was due to be served and filed with the Court on November 4, 2026.

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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 his heavy caseload, Counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel traveled to the funeral of his college basketball coach and a family wedding which took place in Virginia. Because of the timing of the funeral, this trip took two entire days instead of one half day.

4. Counsel had a client that changed his mind as to a plea which required an extra half day of Court during the week of November 4.

5. Counsel and his wife each had medical procedures in the past week;

6. Counsel would prefer to file this petition simultaneously with that of the Appellant-Cross Respondent for judicial economy and ease of preparation.

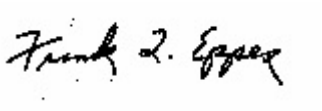
7. This extension request is made in good faith and not intended for delay, but rather due to counsel's heavy workload and to ensure the return is properly researched and prepared.

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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