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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211
(via email only - supctfilings@sccourts.org)

Re: **Ricky L. Esaw v. State of South Carolina**
Appellate Case No.: 2025-001407

Dear Ms. Howard,

The Return to Petition of Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a first, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel.

Please let me know if I can provide the Court with any additional information regarding this first extension request.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Zelenka
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SC Bar No. 5758

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cc: Molly M. Keegan, Esquire