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S.C. SUPREME COURT

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to Saluda County
Court of Common Pleas
The Honorable J. Cordell Maddox

Appellate Case No. 2024-001761

Abin Lowman,

Petitioner,

v.

State Of South Carolina,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR A FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO SERVE AND FILE THE BRIEF OF RESPONDENT ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Counsel for Respondent respectfully moves for a **fourth** and **final** extension of thirty (30) days in which to serve and file the Brief of Respondent on Writ of Certiorari in this case. This is a fourth request for an extension which is currently due this date. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Brief of Respondent on Writ of Certiorari is due to be served and filed with the Court today, November 16, 2026.
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

and administrative responsibilities, Counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel has been working on a series of extensive PCR proposed orders that have been extended in this time frame since the past extension. In particular, counsel prepared and served a proposed order in ***Jamie Stroman v. State****, 2019-CP-32-4074* for Judge Maddox on November 11, 2026 consisting of **78 pages**, and counsel is preparing a proposed order in the matter of ***William Chad Marino v State****, 2021-CP-32-2975* for Judge Maddox currently consisting of **111 pages** for service this week upon the court and counsel.
4. Counsel also attend a hearing in the U.S. Court of Appeals on November 14, 2026 in *Christopher Hampton v. Warden* in Greenville.
5. Counsel has also been involved in the preparation of responses in a number of pre-trial motions in *State v Murdaugh* prior to the November 13, 2026 hearing before Judge McCaslin which he also attended.
6. Below-signed counsel, in the interim in his role as deputy attorney general has also been involved in a series of unexpected staff health issues and other matters that have taken priority.
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 Jessica Saxon is advised of this request which is submitted consistent with the consent agreement between this office and Appellate Defense.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to serve and file the Brief of Respondent on Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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