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Mr. Russell,

This message is in response to your email and letter from April 18 regarding the appeal in [State v. Christopher Eric Russell](#). As indicated in the State's Motion, I requested an additional extension of time to prepare and file the Initial Brief of Respondent due to the fact that I could not get the initial brief completed by April 14 in light of my current heavy caseload. At present, I am working on the brief in the above-referenced appeal and hope to have it completely as promptly as possible. However, in addition to my work in this matter, I have also been required to spend significant time this month preparing for and participating in oral arguments in the appellate courts of South Carolina on April 2, 8, and 16, and I am currently working on multiple other appellate cases in addition to the above-referenced case, including several cases in which the Supreme Court has elected not to permit the State any extensions of time to prepare the Briefs of Respondent so that the appeals can be placed on the Court's June oral argument roster. Please be advised, though, that my work on the brief in the above-referenced case is ongoing.

I am attaching to this message a copy of the order issued by the Court of Appeals on April 17 in response to the State's Motion. Additionally, I am forwarding your concerns to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals. If you need any additional information or have any additional concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 734-3727.

Sincerely,

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