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March 6, 2020

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk of Court, S.C. Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Franklin Benjamin, #245407 v. South Carolina Department of Corrections
Appellate Case No. 2020-000055

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter is due to be served and filed on March 9, 2020. The Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of time in which to file Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. The request is not being made for purposes of delay, but is being made to ensure the brief is properly prepared.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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