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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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**RE: The State v. Herbert E. Pray, III
Appellate Case No. 2019-001400**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On March 16, 2020, I requested by letter the first thirty-day extension for the filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent. By Order Filed April 1, 2020, the deadline for filing and serving the Initial Brief of Respondent was extended until April 25, 2020.

During the interim, normal operations have been disrupted by COVID-19. Additionally, I had difficulty obtaining the transcript in this case due to the death of the court reporter prior to my requesting of the transcript.

Based on my reading of The Supreme Court Order dated March 20, 2020 regarding Operation of the Appellate Courts During the Coronavirus Emergency, as well as guidance from the Clerk's Office, it is my understanding that the Initial Brief of Respondent is now due on May 26, 2020.

I would like to confirm the May 26, 2020 deadline for the filing. If I am mistaken on that date, I am requesting an extension until May 26, 2020 based on the circumstances described above. I have informed opposing counsel, William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire, of my request and he has no objection. I have also copied opposing counsel with this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,
s/ Robert I. Sussman
Attorney for Respondent

cc: William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire