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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(by email to [suptcfilings@sccourts.org](mailto:suptcfilings@sccourts.org))

**Re: Seth Fleury v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2021-00416**

Dear Ms. Howard:

The State's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. I am respectfully requesting a first thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but rather, is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

s/Taylor Zane Smith  
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Assistant Attorney General  
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cc: Elizabeth Franklin-Best, Esquire (via email)