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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
*(By Electronic Filing Only)*

**Re: Bruce Houser v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2021-000673**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed on today's date. 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. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

*s/ Samantha J. Weidauer*

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