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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 only to supctfilings@sccourts.org

Re: Gary Z. Thomas v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2020-001569

Dear Ms. Howard:

The **Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari** in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. However, I respectfully request a first 30-day extension of this deadline.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my heavy workload. By copy of this letter I am notifying opposing counsel.

Sincerely,

s/Taylor Zane Smith
Assistant Attorney General
SC Bar No. 103282

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cc: Victor R. Seeger, Esquire (by email only)