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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 post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. However, Respondent respectfully request a third, 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 undersigned counsel's heavy workload. Opposing counsel has given consent to this third extension request by telephone.

Please let me know if I can provide anything additional regarding this extension request.

Sincerely,

s/Samantha J. Weidauer

Samantha J. Weidauer
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In compliance with: *In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases*, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

s/Megan Harrigan Jameson

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cc: Tara D. Shurling, Esquire (by email only)