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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(by email only)

**Re: William H. Blake v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2021-000708**

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. I respectfully request a second 30-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,

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Assistant Attorney General  
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cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire