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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(via e-filing only - supctfilings@sccourts.org)

**Re: Gerald R. Williams v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2021-000783**

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 today. Respondent respectfully requests a first, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel. Counsel for Petitioner has consented to this extension request pursuant to a reciprocal agreement between the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Appellate Defense.

Please let me know if I can provide the Court with any additional information regarding this first extension request.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Adam S. Ruffin, Counsel for Petitioner (via email only)