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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Respondent's return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. However, I 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 my heavy workload. Opposing counsel has consented to this request via reciprocal agreement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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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).

cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire