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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**Re: Lindy Lamont Jones v. State of South Carolina  
Appellate Case No. 2021-000975**

Dear Ms. Howard,

The State is in receipt of Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to Austin v. State in the above-captioned case, both dated April 4, 2022. The State does not contest Petitioner is entitled to belated appellate review of his first PCR action pursuant to Austin. Therefore, the State will not respond to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari unless otherwise directed by this Court but reserves its right to file a Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari pursuant to Austin v. State, and concurrently so files by way of a separate letter.

Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari. If the Court should desire or require a formal filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

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