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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: *Luzenski Allen Cottrell v. State of South Carolina*
Case No. Case No. 2018-CP-26-05709
60 Day Status Report

Dear Ms. Howard:

This letter is the sixty-day status report pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996).

Mr. Cottrell's pre-hearing investigation is ongoing. Although the COVID-19 pandemic limited his in-field investigation, Mr. Cottrell has resumed in-field investigation activities. While we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation from the perspective of safety to our team, experts, and the witnesses, our investigation is revealing evidence which was not previously presented. On June 1, 2022, July 28, 2022, and September 19, 2022, Judge DeBerry convened status conferences via WebEx.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

s/E. Charles Grose, Jr.
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