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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: The State v. Anthony Nicholas Argoe
Appellate Case No: 2023-000223

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Respondent has received a copy of the petition to unseal a pre-trial transcript for the hearing on the defendant's motion to relieve trial counsel. It would appear the transcript was sealed for the defendant's benefit to allow him to speak freely at the hearing. To the extent that the Court may need Respondent's position, Respondent does not object to the unsealing as the lower court proceedings have concluded, and the transcript should be reviewed for possible issues to include in the appeal.

Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/ Melody J. Brown

Melody J. Brown
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