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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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Re: State v. Mathia Lamont Chambers, Appellate Case No. 2022-000689

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This update letter is to advise the Court regarding the Reconstruction Hearing Order issued in the above titled case. On June 28, 2023, this Court remanded the case to the circuit court for a Reconstruction Hearing to be held after it was discovered that the guilty plea tape recording from the case was unavailable for transcription. Thereafter, on September 21, 2023, a Reconstruction Hearing was held before Judge McLeod at the Lexington County Courthouse. All parties involved in the case were present at the hearing, and the prior guilty plea proceeding narratives were successfully recounted. Thereafter, an order for a transcript of the Reconstruction Hearing was placed on September 25, 2023.

At this juncture, the undersigned counsel would request that the appeal continue to be held in abeyance pending receipt of the Reconstruction Hearing transcript. I am available should any questions arise concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mark R. Farthing, Esquire  
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