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This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Nov., 2023

Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk - South Carolina Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

Appellate case No.: 2023-001639

Dear Clerk:

I received your letter giving me twenty (20) days to give a reason why this Court should not impose the sanctions you referenced in your letter to my case.

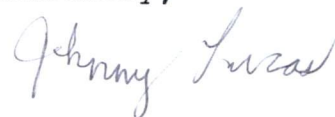
The reason I believe that the sanctions you described in your letter to me should not be imposed in my case is because I am not asking your office to file frivolous claims on my behalf.

The issues I raised in my application concerning my rights to a direct appeal was reiterated in the United States Supreme Court's case of Garza v. Idaho, 139 S.Ct. 738 (2019). My PCR application for post conviction relief was filed the same year, 2019. The Garza case allows a convicted person the right to appeal his/her conviction whether that person signed a waiver or not. The Garza case is "newly available evidence", the reasoning in Garza was not available to me during the course of time when I filed my previous PCR actions.

I PRAY that you agree with my reasoning and I look forward to having my case heard in the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Thank you for your time, I send kindest regards.

Sincerely,



cc: Danielle Dixon  
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