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The Honorable Daniel Shearouse, Clerk of Court
South Carolina Supreme Court
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: Theodore Cobbs v. State, Appellate Case No. 2013-1537

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The State is in receipt of your letter dated August 12, 2013. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return to the Petitioner's Motion to Appoint Outside Counsel. The State objects to Mr. Cobbs' request for the appointment of counsel outside of appellate defense. The State submits Mr. Cobbs' does not have a right to choice of counsel and has not shown satisfactory cause to refuse or dismiss appointed counsel and have other counsel appointed. *See State v. Jones*, 270 S.C. 587, 243 S.E.2d 461 (1978); *Richardson v. State*, 377 S.C. 103, 659 S.E.2d 493 (2008). The State respectfully requests that this Court deny the Petitioner's motion. Please contact me if a more formal response is needed.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General

Cc: Theodore Cobbs, #330717
Robert Dudek, Esquire