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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
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Re: State v. Ishmel J. Lemon, or Ishmel J. Lemon v. State  
Appellate Case No. 2024-001348

Dear Ms. Howard:

I am in receipt of a notification from this Court that a notice of appeal was filed in the above-entitled case on August 16, 2024. A subsequent motion to withdraw notice of belated appeal was filed by petitioner's counsel on August 28, 2024. On September 3, 2024, this Court informed petitioner's counsel by letter that within ten days, he must provide proof that the motion to withdraw was sent to Mr. Lemon and that he understands all potential consequences of his decision to withdraw.

This letter is to inform you that our office will assume representation of Mr. Lemon if the Court determines that this matter will proceed, as petitioner's counsel was appointed to represent him in the lower court.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

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cc: Christopher L. Murphy, Esquire