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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Ernest Floyd Jackson, II v. State – Appellate Case No. 2023-001931

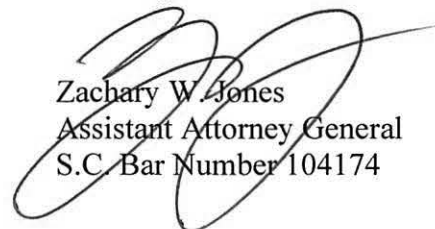
Dear Ms. Howard:

On July 25, 2024, Ernest Floyd Jackson, II, the petitioner in the above-referenced case, filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari solely seeking affirmance of the post-conviction relief judge's order granting him belated appellate review pursuant to Austin v. State, 305 S.C 453, 409 S.E.2d 395 (1991). On that same date, Jackson also filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to Austin v. State raising his belated appellate review issue.

The State does not contest the granting of belated appellate review. Therefore, please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return to Jackson's Petition for Writ of Certiorari. However, in the event this Court desires a formal return to the petition, undersigned counsel is fully prepared to promptly provide one upon request.

Additionally, the State intends to respond to the substantive issue raised in the Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to Austin v. State. Accordingly, the State is contemporaneously filing its Austin v. State Return along with this letter.

Sincerely,


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