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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
S.C. Court of Appeals  
PO Box 11629  
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Re: State of South Carolina v. Leah Forrest  
Appellate Case No. 2012-211826

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

As evidenced by the enclosed affidavit, Ms. Forrest has elected to drop her appeal. I have discussed the consequences of dropping the appeal with Ms. Forrest. Because Ms. Forrest's decision to drop her direct appeal is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary after thoroughly discussing the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing a direct appeal, I respectfully request that the Court issue an order dismissing Ms. Forrest's appeal.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Salley W. Elliott of the Office of the Attorney General of Ms. Forrest's decision.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Pachak  
Appellate Defender

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Enclosure

cc: Salley W. Elliott, Esquire  
Leah Forrest

