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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29201

**Re: IN THE MATTER OF JASON M. BOYLE**  
**Appellate Case No. 2024-001241**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

In response to Boyle's July 24, 2025, filing entitled Return to Motion to Dismiss, the State reemphasizes that costs are not taxable in the underlying action and stands by the argument made in its Return to Appellant's Motion to Extend. Here, costs are not chargeable against the State in the underlying action because the action arose from a criminal contempt matter, which is specifically exempted by Rule 222 (f), SCACR. Rule 222 (f) specifies that the: "Rule does not apply to criminal cases or post-conviction relief cases." Boyle's appeal concerns criminal contempt, which plainly falls within the term "criminal cases" used in Rule 222 (f). See Matter of Martel, 444 S.C. 517, 520, 909 S.E.2d 402, 403 (2024) ("criminal contempt is an offense against the State"). Additionally, Boyle's motion improperly precedes a final ruling or remittitur as required by Rule 222 (d), SCACR. A copy of this letter has been served on Appellant via U.S. Mail today.

Sincerely,

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ADP/gs

cc: Jason Boyle, Appellant  
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