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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 11629  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: The State v. Phillip F. Derrick  
Appellate Case No. 2022-001156

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am writing in response to a letter from the Court informing counsel that the above matter may be considered for oral argument during the February 2026 term of court. The letter requested a response by October 17, 2025. Yesterday I was made aware of a potential conflict in the Supreme Court on February 11, 2026, in the matter of State v. Richard Alexander Murdaugh. Thank you for whatever consideration you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

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JAE/ss

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