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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court  
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Re: Jason Black v. State -- Appellate Case No. 2025-002119

Dear Ms. Howard:

In the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal, the petitioner, Jason Black, is seeking review pursuant to Rule 242, SCACR, after the Court of Appeals has already conducted review of the matter pursuant to Rule 243, SCACR. The State fully agrees with the unanimous decision of the Court of Appeals and, under the circumstances involved here, does not intend to file a return to Black's petition for a writ of certiorari unless one is requested by this Court. See Rule 242(f), SCACR ("If review is being sought regarding a post-conviction relief case, the respondent need not file a return unless requested by the Supreme Court."). However, if a return is desired, the State is prepared to provide one promptly upon request. Thank you very much, and, if you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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