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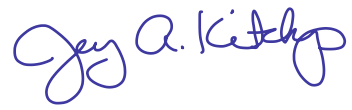
Re: Marco Bates, #249552 v. SCDC
Appellate Case No. 2025-002328

Dear Mr. Bates:

Upon reviewing your initial brief of appellant, the following deficiencies have been noted under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), and any deficiency must be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of this letter or this matter will be dismissed:

- The accompanying proof of service is not in compliance with the SCACR. Your proof of service should be substantially in the format shown by Form 7 in Appendix C to part II of the SCACR. Specifically, you must include the date the document was served.
- The initial brief is not accompanied by a designation of matter to be included in the record on appeal.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay A. Keith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "K".

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cc: Christina Catoe Bigelow, Esquire