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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from the ALC
Hon. Crystal M. Rookard, Presiding
Docket No. 25-ALJ-04-0139-AP

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MARCO BATES #249552 -- APPELLANT,

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SOUTH CAROLINA DEP'T OF CORR. -- RESPONDENT,

SC Court of Appeals

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002328

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The undersigned hereby certifies he has served a true and correct copy of the enclosed Appellant's brief on Appeal; Record on Appeal and Motion to Proceed in Forma Pauperis on the persons whose names and addresses appear below by placing the aforesaid in properly addressed, first-class postage affixed envelopes and placed in the u.s. mail this 16th day of Dec., 2025.

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Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Marco Bates #249552
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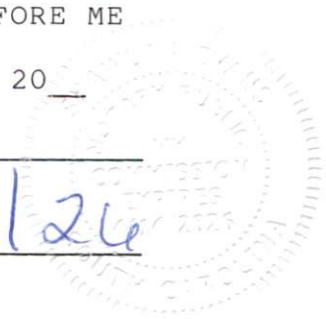
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RE: Marco Bates v. SCDC
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Dear Ms. Kitchings,

I am writing in reference to your December 31, 2025 correspondence regarding deficiencies in the appeal.

Enclosed please find the corrected (specifically, dated) Certificate of Service, and Designated matter on appeal.

Also, please be advised that the original filing I had separated my Brief on Appeal and Record on Appeal with paper clips so the two would not be considered one brief, when in fact it was not.

I would also ask that if there is any delay that I be allowed to file out of time due to circumstances beyond my control, i.e. new years eve, new years day was a four day holiday that the mail room was closed and I was not able to obtain copies to serve all parties.

In the event you need any additional information or deficiencies corrected please contact me at the address above.

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