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**Via Electronic Mail: ctappfilings@sccourts.org**

The South Carolina Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 11629  
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: The State v. Hesed Yoseph Deas  
Appellate Case No.: 2025-002185

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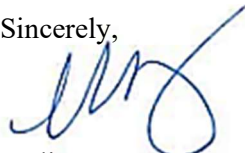
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**SC Court of Appeals**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am not retained to represent Hesed Yoseph Deas for this appeal. I have sent him an Affidavit of Indigency to complete and forward to the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense. At this time, the Commission on Indigent Defense has not yet processed Mr. Deas' affidavit. For this reason, I am respectfully requesting an additional sixty (60) days' time for Mr. Deas to request the transcript in the underlying case. This requested extension will allow Mr. Deas time to obtain appellate counsel and provide his new counsel additional time to request the transcript. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Melisa W. Gay