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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
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**Re: John Alexander Darrieux v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2025-000303**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Enclosed for filing please find Respondent's Return to Austin Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-captioned case. Petitioner is also being served with a copy of the same.

Additionally, the State is not challenging the finding that Petitioner is entitled to a late appeal of his first PCR hearing.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Sarah Elizabeth Shipe, Counsel for Petitioner (via email only)