

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Horry County

Honorable Dale Van Slambrook, Circuit Court Judge

MICHAEL J. WALTON,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001516

**MOTION TO AMEND THE *JOHNSON* PETITION
FOR CERTIORARI AND APPENDIX**

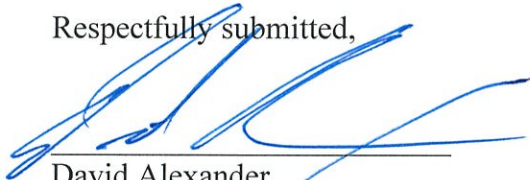
Counsel for Petitioner, Michael J. Walton, respectfully requests that this Court allow counsel to amend the *Johnson* petition for certiorari and appendix that was filed in this case on January 8, 2026. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The petition and appendix were filed with the Court on January 8, 2026. Because of an administrative error, the appendix did not contain all of the documents before the PCR court as required by Rule 243(f), SCACR.
2. This error came to counsel's attention after the filing of the petition and the appendix.
3. The proposed amended appendix is attached as Exhibit A.

4. An amended petition is also necessary because the citations to the appendix will be incorrect if the Court allows the filing of the amended appendix. No substantive changes to the *Johnson* petition have been made except to reflect the corrected procedural history reflected in the additional documents in the emended appendix and the citations. The proposed amended *Johnson* petition is attached as Exhibit B.
5. Counsel apologizes for his error and for the inconvenience to the Court.
6. Opposing counsel, Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General D. Russell Barlow, II, has graciously consented to this motion.

Based on the above showing, counsel for Petitioner, Michael J. Walton, respectfully requests that this Court allow counsel to amend the *Johnson* petition and appendix that were filed in this case on January 8, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney for Petitioner.

This 27th day of January, 2026.