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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of the Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
(via email only- supctfilings@sccourts.org)

Re: Bryan J. Ellis v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No: 2025-000761

Dear Ms. Howard:

Enclosed for filing please find Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-captioned case. Petitioner is also being served with a copy of the same. Please let me know if I may provide anything additional at this time.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Zelenka
Deputy Attorney General
SC Bar No. 5758

Enclosure

cc: Gary H. Johnson, II, Counsel for Petitioner (via email only)