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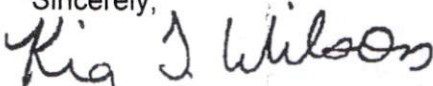
RE: STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA VS. GERALD STEELE
APPEAL CASE NO: 2026-000519

Dear Ms. Kitchens :

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter that I sent to the above named client in reference your letter dated March 5, 2026 concerning his appeal.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me.

Sincerely,



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CC: Gerald Steele

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RE: STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA VS. GERALD STEELE
APPEAL CASE NO: 2026-000519

Dear Gerald Steele :

As you requested, I have filed an Appeal in your criminal case. Attached please find a copy of a letter from:

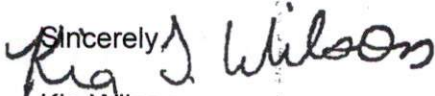
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as well as a copy of my affidavit stating my position concerning your appeal.

The Appellate Court is requesting that YOU inform the Appellate Court IN WRITING of any arguable basis that have been preserved for appeal in your case. You have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to send the information IN WRITING to the South Carolina Appellate Court to the person named above.

If you fail to do so, your appeal will be dismissed.

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