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March 23, 2026

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
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(via email filing)

Re: Ronald Tyrone Downs, Jr. v. The State | Appellate Case No. 2025-001171

Dear Ms. Howard:

This Court issued an Order on November 15, 2025 remanding this case to the circuit court to reconstruct the record of the February 19, 2015 evidentiary hearing held before Judge Daniel D. Hall. The hearing occurred on February 11, 2026, and Judge Hall took the matter under advisement. On February 26, 2026, undersigned counsel submitted the proposed order. The transcript of the February 2026 Hearing was received by the undersigned on March 9, 2026 and distributed to opposing counsel and Judge Hall on the same day. On March 19, 2026, the Greenville County Clerk of Court clocked the Order Finding the Record Reconstructed. The Order is attached to this letter as Exhibit A.

Undersigned counsel respectfully asks this Court to take this case out of abeyance and begin the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix for sixty (60) days from the March 9, 2026 date of transcript receipt- May 12, 2026. If this Court needs additional information or has any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Appellate Defender

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cc: The Honorable Daniel D. Hall  
Tommy Evans, Jr., Esquire  
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