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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Jamaques Salley v. State – Appellate Case No. 2024-001320

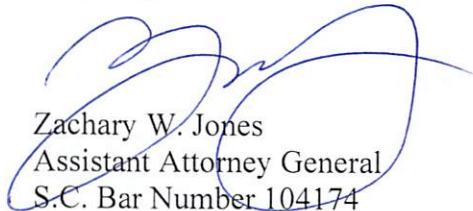
Dear Ms. Howard:

On November 3, 2025, Jamaques Salley, the petitioner in the above-referenced case, filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari seeking affirmance of the PCR court's order granting him belated appellate review of the denial of his previous PCR application pursuant to Austin v. State, 305 S.C. 453, 246 S.E.2d 395 (1991). On that same date, Salley also filed a "Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to Austin v. State" raising his belated appellate review issues.

The State does not contest the granting of belated appellate review. Therefore, please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return to Salley's Petition for Writ of Certiorari. However, in the event this Court desires a formal return to the petition, undersigned counsel is fully prepared to promptly provide one upon request.

Additionally, the State intends to respond to the substantive issues raised in the "Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to Austin v. State." Accordingly, the State is contemporaneously filing its Austin Return along with this letter.

Sincerely,



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