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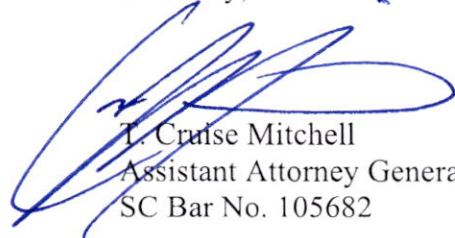
The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
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**Re: Jonathan Cody Newman v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2025-000405**

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,

  
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Assistant Attorney General  
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Enclosures

cc: Dayne C. Phillips, Counsel for Petitioner (*via email only*)