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Via E-Mail

Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
The South Carolina Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: *Stephanie I. Greene v. The State of South Carolina*
Appellate Case No. 2023-001934
Our File No. 033999/02435

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I represent Petitioner Stephanie Greene in the above-captioned PCR appeal. I am writing to respectfully request that the Court grant oral argument in this matter.

Petitioner recognizes that pursuant to Rule 243(j), SCACR, oral argument will only be held in the Court's discretion. Petitioner asserts that oral argument would be appropriate in this matter for several reasons. First, the Court has granted certiorari on four different grounds.

Second, Petitioner **succeeded** in establishing ineffective assistance of counsel in the proceedings below. The lower court's denial of postconviction relief hinged entirely on its finding of a lack of prejudice, and Petitioner has extensively briefed why she contends that was erroneous. The due process implications are substantial here.

Third, oral argument would give the Court a final opportunity to question the litigants who can respond to any questions that the Court might have, thereby enhancing the Court's full understanding of the arguments by both parties.

Finally, this case is of substantial public interest as demonstrated by the Brief of Amici Curiae The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Pregnancy Justice, and Time Served.

The Court's consideration of this request is most appreciated.

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Very truly yours,

s/ Blake T. Williams

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