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

RE: Joshua Blake Griffith v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2026-000718

Dear Ms. Howard:

On June 29, 2026, the court granted the State's request to hold the timelines in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal in abeyance pending the receipt of an additional transcript. Please be advised the State received that transcript Monday, July 6, 2026. By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for Respondent-Petitioner of this update.

Additionally, I would like to advise the court Assistant Attorney General J. Benjamin Aplin has retired from the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, and so with the court's permission, I respectfully request to be substituted as counsel of record for the State. Please forward all future correspondence regarding this matter directly to me, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information from this office.

Sincerely,

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