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

**RE: Curtis Johnson, # 337543 v. South Carolina Department of Corrections**  
**Appellate Case No. 2026-001280**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Enclosed please find Respondent's **Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari**, along with a **Certificate of Service** for the same.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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S.C. Bar No. 73562

cc: Curtis Johnson, # 337543  
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