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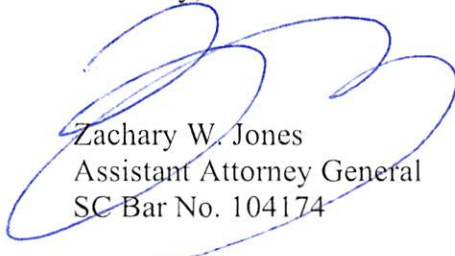
The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
(via e-filing only - supctfilings@sccourts.org)

Re: Jeremiah Smith, Jr. v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2025-001998

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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