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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: State v. Chad Eugene Gibbs – Appellate Case No. 2025-000368

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The above-referenced criminal appeal is currently pending before this Court. On August 5, 2026, this Court—at the request of the Respondent, Chad Eugene Gibbs—issued an order granting an appeal bond “in the amount of \$10,000.00 (surety) with the following conditions: (1) Respondent must maintain his current address and may not move from this address without prior court authorization; (2) Respondent may not leave the country during the pendency of this appeal; [and] (3) Respondent must appear in this State for any mandatory court appearances.”

On August 19, 2026, Gibbs—via appellate counsel—filed a motion entitled “Respondent’s Motion to Amend Bond Conditions.” Through that motion, Gibbs asks this Court to amend the previously-imposed conditions of his appeal bond to include an additional condition mandating he remain on monitored house arrest while his appeal remains pending. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return to the motion by the State.

To the extent Gibbs is seeking modification of the conditions of an appeal bond that was granted only fifteen days ago to add an additional condition subjecting him to monitored house arrest, the State respectfully asks this Court to deny that request since: (1) Gibbs’s original pre-trial bond conditions did not include a condition requiring monitored house arrest; (2) Gibbs previously appeared for his court appearances as required despite that particular condition not being imposed; (3) at present, Gibbs has already been fully released from custody by the State; and (4) Gibbs has not identified any grounds or reasons establishing why the conditions this Court previously set in its order from August 5, 2026, are not sufficient to ensure his compliance with the directives of this Court.

However, based on communications the undersigned counsel has received from Gibbs’s chosen licensed bondsperson since the issuance of this Court’s earlier appeal bond order, the State respectfully asks this Court to clarify its earlier order and confirm: (1) whether Gibbs’s bondsperson is required to submit the bond amount set by this Court to this Court’s Clerk of

Court's Office in a manner consistent with the mandates of Section 17-15-200 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and (2) if Gibbs may confirm his understanding of and willingness to comply with the conditions of this Court's appeal bond order from August 5, 2026, in writing in lieu of making a personal appearance before this Court or any other South Carolina court for that purpose. Additionally, the State respectfully requests this Court hold the enforcement of its appeal bond order in abeyance until all the currently-pending requests related to Gibbs's appeal bond are resolved.

Thank you very much, and, if you should have any questions or concerns or if a more formal return is desired, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark R. Farthing', with a stylized, cursive script.

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cc: James Todd Rutherford, Esq. (via electronic service)
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