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

RE: State v. Nathan Giles Thomas – Appellate Case No. 2026-000216

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Earlier today, the appellant, Nathan Giles Thomas, moved for his appeal to be held in abeyance pending resolution of a transcript challenge he initiated via emails sent to Kevin Dehlinger, the Director of Operations for Legal Eagle. To the extent Thomas is requesting for the appeal to be held in abeyance pending resolution of that transcript challenge, the State has no objections to Appellant's limited request in that regard. However, the State takes no position at this time on any other assertions contained in Thomas's motion. Furthermore, based on the information included with Thomas's motion, it is unclear whether Court Administration has been notified of the transcript challenge yet, so a formal transcript challenge may not currently be pending at this time. See S.C. Court Reporter Manual, § XIII(C) ("Copies of correspondence relating to a challenge to a transcript's accuracy must be provided to Court Administration in accordance with Rules 207 and 607, SCACR."); see also Rule 207(a)(1), SCACR (mandating "all parties, the Office of Court Administration, and the clerk of the appellate court" be furnished "with copies of all correspondence with the court reporter"). Thank you very much, and, if you have any questions or concerns or if a more formal return is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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