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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: *Luzenski Allen Cottrell v. State of South Carolina*  
Case No. Case No. 2018-CP-26-05709  
60 Day Status Report

Dear Ms. Howard:

This letter is the sixty-day status report pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996).

On January 12-16, 2026, Judge DeBerry convened the evidentiary hearing. The parties obtained the transcript of the hearing, and the parties will submit post-hearing briefs. On July 17, 2026, Judge DeBerry granted Mr. Cottrell's request for an extension until October 19, 2026 to file his post-hearing brief.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

s/E. Charles Grose, Jr.  
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cc: The Honorable H. Steven DeBerry, IV  
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