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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
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RE: Zhelma Delroise Kendrick v. State -- Appellate Case No. 2026-001536

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On August 25, 2026, this Court issued an order dismissing the above-referenced criminal appeal based on the failure of the appellant, Zhelma Delroise Zendrick, to order the transcript of the lower court proceedings as required. On September 1, 2026, Kendrick's defense counsel submitted a motion seeking for Kendrick's appeal to be reinstated. In seeking such relief, defense counsel explained the transcript was only not timely ordered due to confusion over whether the Office of Appellate Defense would be representing Kendrick on appeal. The State respectfully asks this Court to please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return on behalf of the State and to please accept the State's return out of time. Please be advised that, under the circumstances involved, the State has no objections to Kendrick's appeal being reinstated and Kendrick being afforded additional time to order the transcript. 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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