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September 18, 2026

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

Re: David Lee Walker v. State
Appellate Case No. 2026-001636

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please accept this letter in lieu of a Return to Retained Counsel's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel from Mr. David Lee Walker's case.

Retained Counsel represented Mr. Walker in connection with his PCR action that commenced on September 7, 2023. Upon the denial of PCR by Order dated July 13, 2026, and the denial of a Rule 59(e) Motion by Order dated July 24, 2026, both of which were signed by Judge William H. Seals, Retained Counsel filed a timely Notice of Appeal in the case. Hence the commencement of the instant PCR appeal with this Court as evidenced by the above assigned case number. Note that this PCR proceeding arose out of Mr. Walker's murder conviction that occurred during the February 2015 term of the Laurens County General Sessions Court before Judge Frank R. Addy, Jr., who sentenced him to life imprisonment.

On September 17, 2026, Retained Counsel filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel in the case. Inasmuch as Mr. Walker's Affidavit of Indigency has been received by the Office of Appellate Defense, and where a review of the same by the undersigned counsel of the Office would confirm his status as indigent, and where a transcript of his proceeding has been ordered as a result, then the undersigned counsel accepts and assumes appellate representation of Mr. Walker by the Office in the above tiled case on appeal. Therefore, the undersigned counsel for the Office has no objections to Retained Counsel's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel filed in the case.

I am available should any questions arise in reference to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wanda H. Carter", is written over the typed name.

Wanda H. Carter
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cc: Zachary W. Jones, Esquire
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