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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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RE: State v. Kenneth Shawn Bragg – Appellate Case No. 2026-000496

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Earlier this week, the appellant, Kenneth Shawn Bragg, moved for his appeal to be held in abeyance pending receipt of a corrected copy of the trial transcript. Along with that motion, Bragg included a copy of communications sent to Penny Johnson, who is the court reporter that has been assigned to transcribe the record in his case, seeking to challenge the accuracy of the transcript as currently prepared. To the extent Bragg is requesting for the appeal to be held in abeyance pending resolution of that transcript challenge, the State has no objections to Bragg's limited request in that regard. However, the State takes no position at this time on any other assertions contained in Bragg's motion. Furthermore, based on the information included with Bragg'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*" (emphasis added)). 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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