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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from the Spartanburg County
Court of Common Pleas

Appellate Case No. 2025-001377

RICKY LEE BLACKWELL ..... PETITIONER,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA .....RESPONDENT.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the Brief of the Cornell Death Penalty Project as *Amicus Curiae* in Support of the Petitioner in *Blackwell v. State*, No. 2025-001377, and the Motion for Leave to File Brief of *Amicus Curiae* were served by email to the AIS email addresses, pursuant to Section (b) of the Supreme Court of South Carolina's May 6, 2022 Order, this 16th day of November, 2026, upon the following:

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Dear counsel,

Attached, please find the Motion for Leave to File Brief of Amicus Curiae and the proposed Brief of the Cornell Death Penalty Project in Support of Petitioner in the above captioned case. These will be filed with the Supreme Court today.

Sincerely,

Emily Paavola

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