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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
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**S.C. Supreme Court**

Re: Hoyler v. State of SC, et al et al 2011190650  
Letter Return regarding Petition for Writ of Certiorari

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I would appreciate your accepting this letter Return of the State of South Carolina to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari submitted by Petitioner.

The State concurs in the legal arguments in the Return of Respondent Merry Land, and respectfully requests that this Petition be denied.

I am enclosing the original and six copies of this letter and mailing copies today to counsel named below. If the Court prefers a more formal Return, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted.,

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