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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
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S.C. Supreme Court

RE: Susan Tappeiner, 338050, v. State of South Carolina;
Appellate Case No. 2013-001885.
Petition for Rehearing Previously Filed.

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Please consider this my response to the State's letter dated March 18, 2015, objecting to my Petition for Rehearing pursuant to Rule 221 (a), SCACR. I would note that under that rule no Petition for Rehearing shall be allowed from an Order denying a Petition for Writ of Certiorari under Rule 242, SCACR. As you certainly know, Rule 242 addresses Certiorari to the Court of Appeals. This PCR appeal was never transferred to the Court of Appeals.

Forgive me for failing to put a note of clarification in my original transmittal letter. I intended to do so. I rarely file Petitions for Rehearing in PCR appeals, inasmuch as I am confident that the Court has thoroughly considered these matters before denying Certiorari. In this instance, however, it at least appeared that the Order granting Certiorari may have inadvertently failed grant review on a companion issue to one of the questions the Court agreed to review. Inasmuch as the Court has consistently emphasized the duty of trial counsel to object the first and every time error occurs, it seemed logical that counsel's failure to object to the first and every instance where the same matter was addressed would need to be examined along with his failure to object to the same subject matter in closing argument.

Hopefully the Court will note that I did not seek rehearing on any of the other grounds upon which review was denied. Thank you very much for your time. With my best regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and under the word "Shurling".

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cc: Ashleigh R. Wilson, Assistant Attorney General