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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
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Re: Pope v. Alan Wilson, Attorney General 2016-001708
Return to Motion to Certify

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

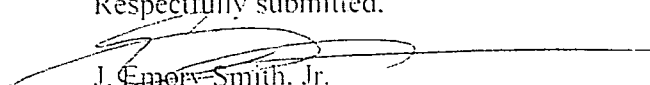
I would appreciate your accepting this letter return to Appellant's Motion to Certify.

The Respondent Attorney General consents to the transfer of this case to the Supreme Court but disagrees with some of the grounds offered for Appellant's Motion. I respectfully request that the Court disregard Appellant's affidavit because it is not part of the record of the case in Circuit Court. I also note that the Motion should have been filed in the Supreme Court under Rule 204(b) rather than at the Court of Appeals. The Respondent Attorney General preserves all of his defenses to the Appeal.

If the Court prefers a more formal Return, please let me know, and I will promptly file one. I have mailed a copy of this letter to counsel listed below, and I am enclosing the original and six copies of this letter for the Court.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


J. Emory Smith, Jr.
Deputy Solicitor General
Counsel for Respondent Attorney General

cc: Adam T. Silvernail, Esquire