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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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RE: The State v. Joseph Lee Smith

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am in receipt of the Anders Brief of Appellant and Petition to be Relieved as Counsel in the above captioned case which has been filed pursuant to the procedure set forth in Anders v. State, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return in the above-captioned case. The Respondent has no objection to the Appellant's filing of an Anders Brief, and furthermore, the Respondent has no objection to the Petition to be Relieved as Counsel.

If there are any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

  
Matthew C. Buchanan  
General Counsel 

MCB:dn

cc: Robert Pachak, Appellate Defender

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