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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
1015 Sumter Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: State of South Carolina v. Hannah Kelly  
Appellate Case Tracking Number 2017-002096

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The State received this Court's letter asking for a return to Ms. Kelly's request to hold the appeal in abeyance during the pendency of her active duty. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return. The State takes no position and leaves the decision to hold the appeal in abeyance to the sound discretion of the Court. If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

William M. Blich, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Ms. Hannah Kelly  
Victim Services