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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: William Ricky Welch v. State
Appellate Case No.: 2017-002375

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am in receipt of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Petitioner for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to Austin v. State in the above-captioned case which has been filed pursuant to the procedure set forth in Johnson v. State, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988). Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal brief. Respondent consents to the granting of a belated appeal of his first PCR action pursuant to Austin.

If a formal brief is required, Respondent requests an opportunity to brief the issues as requested by the Court.

If there are any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Coleman
Assistant Attorney General

cc: David Alexander, Esquire