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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court, Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: **Travis Ford v. State of South Carolina**
Appellate Case No. 2017-001299

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

On October 19, 2018, Petitioner, through counsel Wanda H. Carter, filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari seeking belated appellate review of the denial of his prior post-conviction relief action. On the same day, Petitioner, through counsel, also filed a "*Johnson* Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to *Austin v. State*." Within the *Johnson* petition, counsel for Petitioner has requested to be relieved of counsel.

Respondent consented below to the grant of belated appellate review of Petitioner's prior post-conviction relief action pursuant to *Austin v. State*, 305 S.C. 453, 246 S.E.2d 395 (1991), and therefore, does not challenge and does not intend to file a separate response to Petitioner's *Johnson* Petition. However, if the Court would prefer a formal response in the form of a Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari, please let undersigned counsel know and a Return will be filed expeditiously.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Wanda H. Carter, Esquire