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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: George A. Jones v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2018-001000

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

On January 18, 2019, Petitioner filed with the Court a Petition for Writ of Certiorari. This Petition is a request for belated review of a denial of post-conviction relief. On the same day, Petitioner 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 would consent to the Court granting a belated review, pursuant to *Austin v. State*, 305 S.C. 453, 246 S.E.2d 395 (1991). Additionally, Respondent 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, Respondent would do so expeditiously.

Respectfully,

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