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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
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SC Court of Appeals

Re: John Gilbert Singletary v. The State

Case No.: 2017-002621

Letter of Representation

Request to Substitute Amended Brief

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

John Gilbert Singletary, the Appellant in this case, has been *pro se*. He recently hired me. Therefore, please consider this as my notice to your Honorable Court that I now represent Mr. Singleton. By copy of this letter, I am so notifying counsel for the Respondent.

Having reviewed the pleadings in this appeal, I think he has made a good decision to retain counsel. Under the circumstances, my hope is that your Honorable Court will allow me to file an Amended Brief. If the Court should grant me leave to file an Amended Brief, as I have advised my client, the issues on appeal can be reduced from three to one. He agrees. Further, the sheer number of documents in any Record on Appeal that would accompany my Amended Brief would be reduced significantly. If the Court will allow this, I believe this matter will be simplified significantly, allowing the parties to argue one issue and asking the Court of Appeals to consider only one ground for this appeal.

Should the Court grant this request, I would ask for thirty days within which to file an Amended Brief along with the Record on Appeal. Thereafter, we would

ask for no further extensions of time, and I believe this Appeal would be expedited.

Thank you for your consideration. Should this Court desire my request to be made in the form of a Motion, please let me know.

I certify that on this date I have sent a copy of this correspondence to counsel for the Respondent at: Robin L. Jackson, Senn Legal, Post Office Box 12279, Charleston, South Carolina 29422.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. McMullen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" at the beginning.

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