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

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return to Petitioner's Motion to Hold in Abeyance. I have attached a copy of Petitioner's motion to this letter.

I do not oppose Petitioner's motion to proceed pro se so long as he is aware of the dangers and knowingly and intelligently waives his right to counsel. I join in Petitioner's request that the deadlines for Petitioner's case be held in abeyance until the Court has ruled on his motion to proceed pro se. If the Court grants Petitioner's motion to proceed pro se, I will immediately send him a copy of the Appendix in his case as he requested.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Adam S. Ruffin
Appellate Defender

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Enclosure: as stated
cc: Mr. Andra Jamison
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