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

**Re: Stanley Godbold v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2019-001114
Lower Court Case No. 2017-CP-32-001809**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am in receipt of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Johnson v. State, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 210 (1998), Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to Austin v. State, 305 S.C. 453, 409 S.E.2d 395 (1991), in the above-captioned case. As the only issue raised in the former is whether the PCR Court correctly granted Petitioner's request for a belated appeal of his first PCR action pursuant to Austin, the State is not challenging the prayer for relief. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal Return. As the latter Petition has been filed pursuant to Johnson, the State does not intend to file a responsive pleading unless directed to do so by the Court.

Sincerely,


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cc: Susan B. Hackett, Esquire