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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Vernard Jerome Mathis, #297034 v. State of South Carolina; 2013-CP-29-051;
Appellate Vase No. 2018-000779

Dear Mr. Shearouse,

I have now had time to thoroughly review the State's Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed by me in the above captioned PCR appeal. Petitioner's position on the issues presented in this appeal is fully developed in the Petition for Writ of Certiorari. I have concluded that a Reply to Respondent's Return is not necessary. My thanks to the Court for the extension of time in which to file a Reply should one have proven necessary. I very much appreciated having more time to make this decision.

I hope you, and your family, are staying safe and well. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and 'S'.

Tara Dawn Shurling
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cc: Samuel L. Key, Assistant Attorney General
Vernard Jerome Mathis, #297034