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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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Ms. Kitchings,

As requested, attached you will find a copy of the death certificate for the Appellant in the above captioned direct appeal. Mr. Hughes was a heart transplant survivor, a veteran and he had no prior criminal record. It was his most serious desire to have his name vindicated through the appellate process.

In my opinion, there were a number of extremely meritorious issues in this appeal and I am personally deeply disappointed that his appeal will no doubt now be dismissed. I am unaware of any procedure that would allow this appeal to move forward now that Mr. Hughes has passed away, but if there is any mechanism through which that would be possible, I would most respectfully ask that this Honorable Court consider allowing this case to be heard despite his death.

I hope you and your family have a happy, safe and blessed Christmas.

*Tara*

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