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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(By *Electronic Filing Only*)

**Re: Arthur Singleton v. State of South Carolina  
Appellate Case No. 2020-000861**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Please accept this letter in response to Petitioner's Petitions for Writ of Certiorari served upon Respondent on December 7, 2020. The State believes the post-conviction relief court properly granted Austin review because Petitioner did not knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive his right to appellate review from his first post-conviction relief action. Because this was the only issue raised in the Petition for Writ of Certiorari, the State does not intend to file a formal response unless such a response is requested by this Court. Moreover, because the Austin Petition for Writ of Certiorari is pursuant to Johnson v. State, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988), the State also does not intend to file a formal response to the Austin Petition at this time. Should this Court deny Petitioner Counsel's motion to be relieved as counsel and instruct the parties to address a question of arguable merit, the State will then file a formal response when appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information for the Court.

Sincerely,

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BLS/ks

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