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Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Johnell Richardson vs. State of South Carolina  
Docket No: 2020-CP-21-1467

Dear Ms. Howard,

Please find enclosed: one copy of a Notice of Intent to Appeal, along with my Motion to Proceed Without Cost, An Affidavit of Written Explanation Pursuant to South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 203(D) and a Certificate of Mailing which I will file with the office of the Clerk of Court for Florence County in accordance with Ex Parte Cauthen.

I am enclosing a copy of the Order Dismissing Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus that was issued by Judge Michael G. Nettles. This matter is a Rule 203(d)(ii) matter wherein the petitioner appeals a final judgment denying his challenge on the constitutionality of a state law where the principal issue was to be the constitutionality of the law or ordinance.

By copy of this letter, I'm forwarding the same to Michael D. Davidson, Assistant Attorney General and counsel of record as well as Robert Dudek and Della White of the Office of Appellate Defense. There is no transcript to order as oral arguments were denied.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and if you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact my office.

With kind regards I remain,

Philip B. Atkinson

Cc: Michael D. Davidson  
Johnell Richardson  
Robert Dudek and Della White  
Florence Co. Clerk Doris Poulos O'Hara

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