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Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
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Re: Jacoby Fields v. State of South Carolina, Appellate Case No. 2020-001229

Dear Ms. Howard:

By way of an Order dated March 9, 2021, this Court granted Petitioner's motion to remand. In accordance with the directives in the Order, I have contacted witnesses, the PCR judge, and opposing counsel. I have also coordinated with the South Carolina Department of Corrections to arrange for Mr. Fields to be transported back to the state from the CoreCivic facility in Mississippi. Mr. Fields was brought to South Carolina, and I met with him in-person last month.

Last month, I also spoke with opposing counsel regarding logistics for the reconstruction hearing. We have had conversations with Judge Jefferson's office regarding potential dates for the hearing and have tentatively selected the week of September 13 – 17. In the upcoming weeks, I will again reach out to witnesses for the reconstruction hearing. I anticipate approximately five witnesses will testify using virtual capabilities. We hope to hear from Judge Jefferson's office about a confirmed hearing date in the near future.

In accordance with this Court's Order, I will continue to provide updates every fifteen days. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/ Taylor D. Gilliam
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