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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
(By Electronic Filing Only- supctfilings@sccourts.org)

Re: Levern McCrea v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2020-001426

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent has received a pro se motion entitled "PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI" and "MOTION TO AMEND BRADY ISSUES." Additionally, Respondent received a pro se "MOTION TO RELIEVE COUNSEL FOR INCOMPETENCE." Please accept this letter as the return to Petitioner's pro se filings. In one portion of the motion, Petitioner accuses his appellate counsel of conspiring with this office. To be clear, our office takes no part in appellate defense's determination of which issues to raise in a petition for writ of certiorari to this Court or the content of any pleading. Further, Respondent opposes hybrid representation in this matter and therefore, opposes this Court accepting any pro se amended or supplemental petition for writ of certiorari. Miller v. State, 388 S.C. 347, 347, 697 S.E.2d 527, 527 (2010) (finding no right to hybrid representation). Moreover, Respondent does not believe Petitioner's disagreement with his counsel over which issues to raise on appeal constitutes grounds to relieve counsel.

Sincerely,

David Spencer
Senior Assistant Attorney General

cc: Taylor A. Gilliam, Esquire (By Email Only)