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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Supreme Court
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: *The State v. Tommy Lee Benton*
Appellate Case No. 2017-002553

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Dear Ms. Howard:

Attached for electronic filing by email and in accordance with Supreme Court Order 2021-08-25-02, part (b)(2), and pursuant to Rule 242 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, please find Petitioner Tommy Lee Benton's Petition for Writ of Certiorari. As permitted by Order 2021-08-25-03, part (b), no other copies, whether paper or electronic, are being provided. Also, no appendix is being filed pursuant to Order 08-25-03 part (c).

By copy of this letter, we are serving all parties via email as permitted by Order 2021-08-25-02, part (d)(1), and attached is a proof of service to that effect.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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