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February 9, 2022

Hon. Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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RE: The State v. Jamie Goss
Appellate Case No. 2021-001271

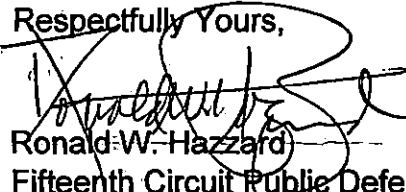
Dear Madame Clerk,

I am in receipt of a Deficiency Letter from your office dated February 8, 2022 in the matter referenced above. Please accept this letter as notification that, to my knowledge, I have never sent a letter of representation related to Mr. Goss' motion for compassionate release, nor was I ever appointed by the circuit court to represent him. At the request of then-Chief Administrative Judge for General Sessions, Hon. Steven H. John, I acted in an advisory capacity regarding Mr. Goss' pro se litigation and appeared at the virtual hearings held on his motion as stand-by in case Mr. Goss had any legal or procedural questions.

I was never advised of Mr. Goss' pro se appeal nor did I participate in the preparation of same. I therefore did not provide service on any party and cannot provide proof of service or the date of service. The documentation in my possession does not indicate that my office ever received written notice of the order issued by

Hon. William H. Seals, Jr., dated September 8, 2021 and filed with the Horry County Clerk of Court that same date. As a result, I am unaware when or how Mr. Goss received notice of Judge Seals' order. Please advise what other steps I need to take in this matter. I thank you in advance for your assistance and remain,

Respectfully Yours,



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