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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: *State v. Richard Bernard Moore #6003*
No. 2001-021895
Execution Date: April 29, 2022

Dear Ms. Howard,

Counsel for Richard Moore, execution scheduled for **April 29, 2022**, submit the following updated information regarding the litigation pending in the Richland County Court of Common Pleas referenced in Moore's April 7, 2022 Motion to Stay.


On Monday, April 11, 2022, Judge Jocelyn Newman held a status conference in the cases of *Owens v. Stirling*, No. 2021-CP-40-02306 and *Moore v. Stirling*, No. 2022-CP-40-0183. During the status conference, the parties and Judge Newman agreed to combine the cases by amending the complaint and adding Moore as a plaintiff in *Owens v. Stirling*. That amended complaint was filed on April 11, 2022.

Additionally, Judge Newman scheduled a hearing on the Defendants' pending motion to dismiss and all other outstanding motions, including those relating to a discovery dispute, for **Thursday, April 14, 2022** at 11 a.m.

As Moore indicated in his motion to stay, the parties in the circuit court litigation are committed to expedient judicial review of Moore's (and Owens's and Sigmon's) suit challenging the applicability of the amended execution statute and the constitutionality of the firing squad and the electric chair. The questions this lawsuit raises are certain to repeat until this Court weighs in on the merits, and the parties and the public are best served by the judiciary's involvement in answering those questions. A stay should be issued to allow the court to decide the important issues raised in this suit.

Should you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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