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Honorable Justices Supreme Court of New Jersey Hughes Justice Complex 25 West Market Street Post Office Box 970 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0970

Re: State of New Jersey v. Gerald W. Butler

Supreme Court Docket No. App.Div.Dkt.No. A-1275-22

Honorable Justices:

Kindly accept this letter in lieu of a more formal response to defendant's Petition for Certification. The State respectfully opposes said Petition. It is the State's position that this case does not present any question of general public importance which this Court need settle. Further, it is the State's position that no special reasons exist in this matter to support the granting of certification. R. 2:12-4. The State respectfully disagrees with defendant's position that his petition presents substantial questions of law.

The State relies on the Appellate Division's opinion and the record below to support its position. The State has supplied the Court with a copy of the brief that was filed below, and specifically relies upon that brief for its argument here.

> Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Webb-McRae **Cumberland County Prosecutor**

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