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Attention: Clerk of the Court

Re: Rule 84.20 letter to the clerk in re State ex rel. Becker v. the Honorable
Gael Wood (SC98416)

Dear Clerk of the Court:

On Friday, July 10, 2020, I filed the "Respondent's brief" in the case referenced in the subject line of this letter. Unfortunately, today I realized I inadvertently left out the word "if" from a sentence on p. 26 of the brief. The change is set out more fully below and I'm asking this Court to note the change pursuant to Rule 84.20. The word "if" appears in bold and all caps in the corrected version below.

On the page that is numbered "26," the first sentence of the last paragraph on that page says: "Bullington v. Missouri was a case wherein the state of Missouri sought a writ of prohibition to prohibit the trial court judge presiding over a retrial from proceeding with the case as it was not a death penalty case after the defendant, who had received the benefit of a life sentence following his initial trial on capital murder charges, obtained a new trial following his direct appeal. Bullington v. Missouri, 451 U.S. at 430."

It should say: "Bullington v. Missouri was a case wherein the state of Missouri sought a writ of prohibition to prohibit the trial court judge presiding over a retrial from proceeding with the case as **IF** it was not a death penalty case after the defendant, who had received the benefit of a life sentence following his initial trial on capital murder charges, obtained a new trial following his direct appeal. Bullington v. Missouri, 451 U.S. at 430."

Sincerely,

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