

**The State of South Carolina
In the Court of Appeals**

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY

Honorable Alison Renee Lee, Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case No. 2023-000104

Paul Roy OsmundsonAppellant

v.

School District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties.....Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AS AMICUS CURIAE

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of South Carolina (ACLU-SC) is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization that advocates for civil rights and civil liberties in South Carolina. As part of that mission, ACLU-SC is committed to ensuring that state government is transparent and accessible to all people in South Carolina. ACLU-SC has an interest in this case because this Court’s decision may have a profound impact on South Carolina residents’ ability to access public government information through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and, more broadly, to seek redress in state courts for violations of their rights. On both fronts, the ACLU-SC offers expertise on how different issues such as transparent

governance and access to the courts can interact to either open pathways or erect barriers to participatory democracy.

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