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**RE: Apology for Disrespectful Tone/Language Contained in Recent ODC Reports**

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To Whom it Concerns:

I apologize to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, to the Court of Appeals, to the State of South Carolina, and to the entire American government (and public) for my often rude and disrespectful tone and/or language over the course of my writing and submitting recent reports to the South Carolina Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

I specifically apologize to the Chief Justice of South Carolina for using Your Honor's name and/or title or referencing Your Honor's prior correspondence during assertions I made which I now recognize as evidencing an unacceptably-disrespectful and presumptuous tone.

I didn't realize in the midst of emotional and/or other flashbacks that I was being quite disrespectful and/or inappropriate in the context of the simple reports God told me to make over the past weeks.

I'm sorry I didn't extend more grace to a group of people whose members have sometimes extended extraordinary grace to me. I said some things I wish I didn't say and/or said things in ways I wish I didn't say them, requiring amendments. I messed up.

I took things personally because they happened to me or my only child and never considered a context wherein we (Americans) are all in this together, nor that you (the State employees) would be likely to find offense with some of my assertions because you are also part of the same State government. In the midst of my debilitating rage, I wasn't seeing that.

While there is no excuse or reason for me to ever be that mean, even if or when others have been unkind to me, I believe that terrorism does do something terrible to a person that is over and above the damage caused by other kinds of abuse. I'm not just saying that to make excuses for my language or tone, some of which I myself now consider wholly unacceptable.

Up until around 3-4 months ago, I was so angry at almost all times that I couldn't even find the words to speak about these matters without being consumed by rage. I couldn't speak on-camera (attempted) for a few seconds without saying something belligerently informative about ISIS or using a taunting, insulting, belittling, or otherwise inappropriately inflammatory tone about ISIS — nor could I seem to speak about what happened without displaying a demeanor characterized by rage, disgust, and condescension that was so intense as to give me the appearance of being a monster I'm not. I would submit those unpublished efforts for you to see along with this apology if they didn't make me look so awful. I understand that it would be unsafe for everyone if I ever published anything like that.

That wasn't part of my usual character, nor was it in alignment with my religious beliefs — and neither was the cutthroat nature or language contained in parts of my reporting efforts.

When I review evidence of, or need to recall, recent, major traumas, my emotions sometimes boil over. There have been times when I am working on material surrounding terrorism or its coinciding events when I literally have to stand up and beat an object, like a chair or a washer, with my scarf or a piece of clothing for several minutes before experiencing any relief because I'm so angry.

I sometimes can't "feel" what I'm doing quickly enough when I take an action in anger because my empathy has diminished from fighting so hard for a long time. When I copied the last report to civil court, I felt a slight, "think," before I sent it into court, but I was too fast. I only wanted to get on to the next thing. I'll always be heeding those tiny warnings in the future. I barely felt it, but I have to slow down and pay more attention. I can still feel a "real warning" relative to physical danger, but I can't always totally detect warnings for other types of danger at this stage.

I'm sorry I was given to anger. I am sorry I was disrespectful and rude and unkind.

I believe I need anger management and plan to seek it at my earliest opportunity. I've had great past results from trauma therapy and plan to revisit those modalities, and probably other therapeutic modalities, for these problems at my earliest opportunity. It isn't a surprise to me that I need help for this. I've known it for quite some time, but couldn't afford the time or money to seek the help I've needed. I've known I was barely emotionally functional and was already planning to seek help when I overstepped.

A journal or absolutely anything would be better than not stopping and thinking before sending or copying any document(s) into any agency or court and risking that potential level of perceived disrespect or exposure to any American whatsoever. I could only see in hindsight how that seemed. I'm so sorry.

Someone screamed in my face as loudly as they could scream (I could tell it was their highest effort) a few months ago, only to have me respond with indifference. I determined that I was the weak, screaming person in this amplified scenario surrounding my outraged reporting because of my grief and a feeling of powerlessness over those traumas.

I have a hand-written sign in my briefcase that says, "Pick Your Battles" because my Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and anger were/are so extreme that I sometimes can't remember that piece of wisdom in the midst of rage and/or grief without external help at this stage, but I hadn't found any tape or anything to use to affix it to the wall at my location.

The sign is up now. I'm vigilantly seeking counsel that I've needed all along, now also for my ridiculous blunders.

I understand that anything that comes into any court or office or department isn't about my convenience, but the entity's requirements. It didn't end up being convenient for anyone anyway.

Three grown men violently wielding hammers broke into the place my son was staying and tried to kill him several days ago. One man was specifically reported to have said, "Don't kill him *yet*," at one point during the attack, which is why we concluded that murder was their intention. I'm not claiming the incident is related to my reporting because I don't know, but the timing seems uncanny. My son was able to fight them off and seems relatively stable after another hospital visit and multiple days of lost work.

I have serious concerns about any lower court judge — or any judge, really, at this point, because of how vicious I unfortunately was (in process of amending) — being placed in a position of hearing any matter wherein a positive outcome for me may be experienced in a potentially violent climate which now that I seem to have possibly made even worse with my excessive emotionality, evidencing such extreme levels of recklessness irresponsibility that I shocked even myself.

The lower court clerk said they won't hear an emergency anyway, but I have to determine how to correctly petition to move the other case. I'm also not sure where anything would be safe to hear. It's overwhelming and troubling to think of. Now I'm worried about the justices at the higher court also.

I don't regret my disrespectful tone in the context of anything that went to any office or was copied or filed to the court *because* my son was attacked. I was already feeling this way and thinking along these lines once my adrenaline began to diminish. I felt almost as though I'd been stabbed in the heart when I wrote some of that.

I don't want anyone else to get hurt. I'm trying to handle preventative measures.

I understand that it isn't up to me how you choose to handle the issues that I report, nor is it up to me to make suggestions about how you investigate, handle, or resolve any issues in the context of ODC reports.

I understand that, if I want something accomplished, I have to do it the correct way or have someone else do it the correct way, be patient, be respectful, and ask a court, department, etc., directly and politely for whatever it is.

I'm also sorry that I was so immature and selfish so as not to identify the fact that Homeland Security is the most important concern, rather than becoming excessively upset with any other (past) content. I was totally out of line. I apologize for losing sight of what is most important.

I was worried about my son being targeted and acted selfishly in the interest of only one person rather than all Americans. I've accused personal connections (civilians) of nepotism in important situations and

called them “selfish” for it. That’s not something I admire or ever wanted to emulate. Now, I have managed to do the same on a much larger and more dangerous scale. It seems my zealous reporting may have ended up backfiring anyway.

I was wrong and selfish and immature to take it so far. I did not premeditate the viciousness or pettiness of some of the language, nor the reporting itself. God told me to make them and then I went too far for their purposes/office. I had no idea I was being mean or taking anything too far at the time.

I’m eternally sorry for my disrespect in terms of the way some things were phrased in the context of a simple report (I’m mostly referring to the latter one, but am checking both). You didn’t deserve that. Thank you for allowing me a chance to correct my mistakes.

I will make efforts to resist becoming too upset about things which are petty by comparison to more important matters, and by correcting my many mistakes which I greatly regret.

I have a genuine desire to be a person who is conscientious about respecting my government, regardless of who did what to whom.

I’m not sure what to do in every context, but am trying to find acceptable resolutions to all of my mistakes that work for my conscience and legal situation. I know you will also be relieved once I obtain counsel.

Respectfully,



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