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and on behalf of all others similarly situated, Appellants,
v.

Alan Wilson, Attorney General for the
State of South Carolina, Willoughby & Hoefler, P.A.,
and Davidson, Wren & DeMasters, P.A. , Respondents,

**RETURN OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
TO MOTION TO CERTIFY**

The Attorney General concurs in the Return of the Respondent law firms to the Motion to
Certify this case to the Supreme Court. He agrees that certification is appropriate in this case.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the Attorney General's Return to Motion to Certify by
emailing it to counsel for the other parties at the email addresses below this March 27, 2024

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Attached is the Return of the AG to the Motion to Certify.

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