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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court Of Common Pleas
Circuit Court Case No. 2012CP4000350

The Honorable Clifton B. Newman, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No.2021-000518

Adele J. Pope.....Appellant,

v.

Alan Wilson, in his capacity as Attorney General of South Carolina Respondent.

**REPLY TO RETURN TO
MOTION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL TO STRIKE RETURN AND DISMISS APPEAL**

Of course, the Attorney General did not file its Motion to Strike and Dismiss because it was “motivated to avoid any scrutiny of how or when its office came into possession of the appraisal” as Appellant speculates. The Motion was made because Appellant’s Return, like others of her filings, violates the Appellate Court rules and prior orders of the Courts and is abusive and frivolous despite admonitions from the courts including the Supreme Court on Thursday. The fact that Appellant would make the absurd suggestion that the Motion was made to avoid scrutiny shows that she is undeterred in making wild, baseless and abusive allegations.

Appellant has not denied that she has had access to the valuation for years. The reason that the Court need not reach the question of whether the valuation should be disclosed pursuant to FOIA to someone who already has it is that the Attorney General’s Office never received the FOIA

request, and the document itself is confidential.

The Attorney General respectfully requests that the Motion to Strike and Dismiss be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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