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The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

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RE: Ex Parte Apology and Update in Case #2023-001649

Your Honor:

I apologize for the disrespectful tone that was sometimes used by me in Your Honorable Court. I realize some of my discussions were wholly disrespectful to this particular Court, and inappropriate in this particular context. I apologize for not recognizing this particular Court more specifically during my initial grief and sorrow, which is ongoing, surrounding my traumatized, unacceptable activity.

Thank you eternally for not holding me in contempt.

My apology would be more detailed if I had yet secured counsel. I am very sorry.

I am doing everything I can to keep my promises to this Court absent counsel, which I still cannot afford, but am working toward. I apologize for the delays and for falling short.

I had no idea I was going to move 3 more times, plus travel, when I promised what I promised this past time, and I am sorry, but I am trying to identify what agencies still need which evidence so that all evidence can be fully shared/considered.

My son was recently in contact with local police regarding an incident of harassment. He said the Charleston Police Officer specifically asked him about the status of the assault action, so it seems to me like they may also have an interest in resolving it. My son didn't remember the officer's name.

I believe we need another restraining order.

I can't fail to keep my promises to you now because it'll further ruin my reputation than would just having been late and stupid.

Please, if at all possible, I need a little more time so that I can secure counsel. Multiple lawyers I would have considered exceedingly competent told me they're not even qualified to advise at this level.

I am just recently back on my medication, struggling to re-stabilize again, and did not see the Court's letter about the case brief until yesterday. I knew that it was due, but had been rushing to amend the complaint when I could because I didn't know how to do a brief and knew the complaint urgently needed to be amended by me due to my knowledge of the specific events.

I adore the grace of this Court. I'm sorry. Please forgive me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary A. Griffith', written over a horizontal line.

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