

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

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IN THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

S.C. SUPREME COURT

Case No. 2025-000685

Curtis M. Loftis, Jr., State Treasurer.....

Petitioner,

v.

Thomas C. Alexander, President of the South Carolina
Senate,

Respondent.

REQUEST FOR PROTECTION

M. Dawes Cooke, Jr. respectfully requests that the Supreme Court grant him protection from court appearances from April 21 through May 7, 2025, for any hearing, trial, deposition, or proceeding to be scheduled in this action. Mr. Cooke has long-standing plans for a vacation out of the country. While Mr. Cooke is just one of the attorneys representing the Petitioner, he is the attorney that will be conducting any oral argument in this matter and would respectfully request that the Supreme Court honor his leave period of April 21 through May 7, 2025, for any hearing, trial, deposition, or proceeding to be scheduled in this action. Mr. Cooke currently has confirmed Secure Leave from April 14, 2025 through May 2, 2025. After he obtained Secure Leave, his vacation was delayed by a week. Therefore, he waives protection for the week of April 14 but respectfully requests protection from April 21 through May 7.

Respectfully submitted,

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