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Plaintiff-Respondent,

v.

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REPLY TO RESPONDENT'S RETURN TO MOTION TO REDUCE
SUPERSEDEAS BOND

Appellants, Tremaine D. Golson and Brittney L. Greene, respectfully submit this Reply to Respondent's Return filed in opposition to Appellants' Motion to Reduce Supersedeas Bond, pursuant to Rule 241, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR).

1. Good Faith Appeal and Financial Burden

Appellants timely noticed their appeal and filed a Motion to Reduce Supersedeas Bond in good faith. The bond amount of \$18,514.00, as set by the trial court, represents the entirety of the judgment and imposes an undue financial hardship on Appellants. Without relief, Appellants would effectively be denied their statutory right to appellate review. South Carolina courts have long recognized that appellate security must not be set so high as to preclude access to appeal.

2. Respondent's Prejudice is Minimal

Respondent argues that Appellants are engaging in delay. To the contrary, Appellants promptly filed the proper motions under Rule 241(c), SCACR. Respondent remains fully protected by the trial court's judgment and lien rights. Any modification or reduction of the bond will not materially prejudice Respondent's interests, but will ensure Appellants' access to meaningful appellate review.

3. Rule 241(c) Discretion to Modify Security

Under Rule 241(c), SCACR, this Court has explicit discretion to increase, decrease, or dispense with the bond requirement "as justice may require." In light of Appellants' demonstrated hardship, and consistent with the principle of preserving access to appellate review, Appellants respectfully request that this Court exercise its discretion to reduce or otherwise modify the bond requirement.

4. Requested Relief

Appellants therefore respectfully request that this Court:

- a. Reduce the supersedeas bond to a lesser amount sufficient to protect Respondent's interest; or
- b. Permit Appellants to post alternative security (such as partial cash deposit, installment bond, or property bond); or
- c. Grant an extension of time to post the bond, to allow Appellants to secure adequate means of compliance.

CONCLUSION

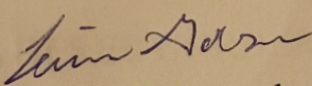
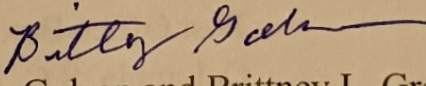
SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT OF BRITTNEY L. GREENE

I, Tremaine D. Golson aka Tremaine Golson and Brittney L. Greene aka Brittney Golson as appellants, being duly sworn, state as follows:

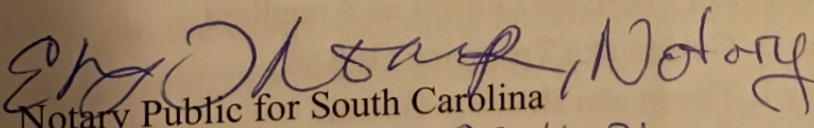
1. I am one of the Appellants in the above-captioned matter.
2. The trial court set the supersedeas bond at \$18,514.00.
3. Due to my financial circumstances, I am unable to post this bond in full without extreme hardship.
4. I have not acted to delay these proceedings. I filed and supported the appeal in good faith, and I seek only the opportunity to have my appeal considered on the merits.
5. I am willing to post reasonable security or alternative arrangements as the Court may allow.
6. I respectfully request that this Court reduce the supersedeas bond, extend the time to post bond, or permit alternative security so that I may preserve my appellate rights.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 08/25/2025

 
Tremaine D. Golson aka Tremaine Golson and Brittney L. Greene aka Brittney Golson as Appellants

Sworn before me this 25 day of August, 2025.


Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 07-16-31

For the foregoing reasons, Appellants respectfully request that the Court grant their Motion to Reduce Supersedeas Bond or, alternatively, extend the time for posting bond and allow for alternative forms of security as authorized by Rule 241(c), SCACR.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tremaine D. Golson aka Tremaine Golson

/s/ Brittney L. Greene aka Brittney L. Golson

Tremaine D. Golson aka Tremaine Golson,

Brittney L. Greene aka Brittney Golson as Appellants

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Dated: 08/25/2025

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PROPOSED ORDER

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ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Appellants' Motion to Reduce Supersedeas Bond, and the Court having considered the filings of both parties, including Appellants' Reply and Supporting Affidavit, and pursuant to Rule 241(c), SCACR,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The supersedeas bond required of Appellants is reduced to \$ _____; or
2. In the alternative, Appellants may post alternative security acceptable to the Court, including but not limited to partial cash deposit, property bond, or installment bond; or
3. Appellants are granted an extension of ___ days to post the bond.

SO ORDERED this ___ day of _____, 2025.

Judge, South Carolina Court of Appeals

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