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Filing Appellant's initial brief and designation of matters  
Appellate Case No.2024-000925

Srikanth Pilla, Clemson University International Center Automotive Research (CUICAR),  
Respondent,

V.

Richard Smith, **Appellant.**

**REQUEST OF CLARIFICATION REGARDING EXHIBITS ON APPEAL**

I, Richard Smith, respectfully request clarification how exhibits and court related documents from lower court are transferred to appellate court.

Simply, I ask:

1. Whether exhibits marked with numbers remain the same in appellate record as they were in lower court, or whether new numbers are assigned.
2. Whether I need to double check, all exhibits filed or admitted in lower court are automatically included in the appellate record. I know I filed a previous designation of matter.
3. I lost the overview and request clarification on proper procedure to designate additional documents or material for inclusion in appellate record, if permit. Most all of the documents I intent to file were verbally referenced or discussed in lower court, during hearings, deposition or transcripts, or are publicly available publication, including Clemson University publications.

This request is not intended to alter, extend, or affect any deadlines for the response of the initial brief of respondents.

This request is made in good faith to ensure the appellate record is complete and accurate.

Respectfully submitted

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