

SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

Myra N. Starnes,
Appellant,
v.
South Carolina Department of Transportation,
Respondent.
Appellate Case No. 2025-001824

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Response to order

To the Honorable South Carolina Court of Appeals:

Appellant respectfully submits this statement in response to the Court's order and to explain the status of this matter.

Appellant is not an attorney and has been attempting in good faith to obtain appellate counsel. Despite those efforts, Appellant has not yet been able to secure representation before the deadline. Appellant therefore respectfully asks the Court for leniency as a self-represented party and for any additional time or procedural relief the Court deems proper so that the appeal may be presented as clearly and completely as possible.

Appellant intends to challenge legal errors arising from the condemnation proceedings and the trial court record. Appellant's concerns include, but are not limited to, whether the case was improperly limited to the issue of just compensation, whether Appellant was prevented from meaningfully raising issues concerning the proper use of eminent domain, whether constitutional and public-use concerns were excluded or not fully considered, and whether there were conflicts of interest or irregularities affecting the fairness of the proceedings.

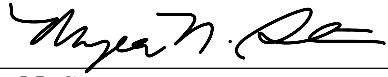
Appellant understands that an appeal is generally limited to the record from the trial court and does not seek to improperly introduce matters outside the record in this appeal. However, Appellant believes that the existing record, including the pleadings, motions, trial proceedings, objections, rulings, and transcript, contains issues that warrant appellate review.

Appellant further states that she has made repeated efforts to investigate and understand the circumstances surrounding the taking of her property, including concerns that the condemnation may not have been used solely for a true public purpose but may have been connected to broader economic-development interests. Appellant understands that any separate allegations requiring new evidence or investigation may need to be addressed through a separate legal process or appropriate governmental authority. For purposes of this appeal, Appellant seeks review of the legal issues preserved in and arising from the trial court proceedings.

Because Appellant is self-represented and has been diligently attempting to obtain counsel, Appellant respectfully requests that the Court allow this appeal to proceed and grant any appropriate extension of time necessary for Appellant to file the required appellate documents, including the Designation of Matter and Initial Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appellant / Self-Represented Party



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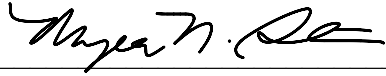
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time upon counsel for the Respondent, South Carolina Department of Transportation, by U.S. Mail & Email



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