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The Honorable Jenny Abbot Kitchings
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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Re: *South Carolinians for Responsible Agricultural Practices v. South Carolina
Department of Environmental Services, et al.*
Appellate Case No.: 2025-000294

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This letter is in response to the Court's correspondence regarding the proposed scheduling of oral arguments in the above-referenced case for September 14-17, and October 5-8, 13, 14, and 15, 2026. Counsel is unavailable on the following dates: September 14-17, 2026. During that week, I will be driving my daughter back to school at UCLA. Accordingly, counsel respectfully requests that oral argument not be scheduled during that time-period.

Thank you for your assistance with and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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