

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT
Ralph K. Anderson, III, Chief Administrative Law Judge

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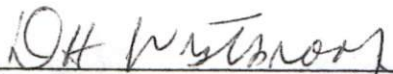
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the initial reply brief of appellants on the S.C. Department of Corrections by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on July 13, 2026, addressed to its attorney of record, Lake E. Summers, Esquire, Malone, Thompson & Summers LLC, 339 Heyward St., Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29201.

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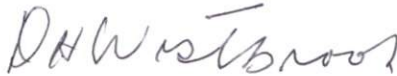
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Court appellants' Initial Reply Brief, with Proof of Service, and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal, with Proof of Service, for the above consolidated case.

By copy of this letter, I have this date served these documents on Lake Summers, Esquire, counsel of record for Respondent S.C. Department of Corrections.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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