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Via Email Only

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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SC Court of Appeals

Re: Graham v. Hallmark, et al
Appellate Case No.: 2025-000275

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On behalf of Respondent, I write to advise the Court of a newly arisen, unavoidable conflict on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, and Thursday, November 12, 2026, two of the dates the Court asked counsel to hold for potential oral argument during the November 2026 term. I remain available for the other dates on the hold list (November 2, 3, 4, and 5).

Specifically, I was informed by my surgeon after the deadline for disclosing any conflicts that his office has scheduled a long-planned inpatient jaw surgery for Nov. 9, 2026. I attempted to ascertain prior to the Court's deadline if the surgery had in fact been scheduled for early November, but I did not receive a response until after the deadline had passed.

I respectfully request that the Court refrain from scheduling oral argument in this matter on November 10, 2026, and November 12, 2026. I have consulted with counsel for appellants, and they consent to this request. Should the Court need any additional information, I will promptly provide it.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,



John E. Parker Jr.

JAY/cc

Cc All counsel of record via email.