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VIA UNITED STATES MAIL

The Honorable Brenda F. Shealy
Chief Deputy Clerk
The Supreme Court of South Carolina
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia South Carolina 29201

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Re: *Dequincey Simmons v. SC Department of Employment & Workforce and Bridgestone Americas
Tire Operations, LLC*
Appellate Case NO. 2026-001488

Dear Ms. Shealy:

Enclosed for filing is a copy of Respondents Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC's and the South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce's Joint Return to Petition for Certiorari in the above captioned matter.

A copy of this filing is being served on Petitioner Dequincey Simmons via electronic and regular mail simultaneously with this filing, and a hard copy of this filing is being mailed to the Court as well.

Should you have any questions concerning this correspondence or Respondents' filing, you may reach me at (864) 775-3200 or via email at bhepner@littler.com.

Sincerely,

Benjamin T. Hepner

CC: Benjamin Thomas Cook
Dequincey Simmons