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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: *Whetstone v. Office of the Governor*, No. 2026-000850 (S.C.)

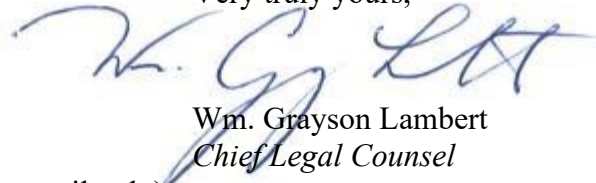
Dear Ms. Howard:

The Governor moves for relief on two matters. Counsel for Respondent consents to all relief sought here.

First, under Rule 240(a), SCACR, the Governor moves the Court to schedule oral argument as promptly as feasible so that this case may be argued and (if possible) decided before January 13, 2027, when the Governor's term ends. Although this case does not depend on who is currently serving as Governor, the Governor prefers not to burden his successor's administration with a case at this procedural stage.

Second, under Rules 217 and 240(a), SCACR, the Governor moves for leave to argue against precedent. As an alternative argument in his brief, *see* Blue Br. 19–23, the Governor has asked the Court to overrule *Wade v. Berkeley County*, 348 S.C. 224, 559 S.E.2d 586 (2002), and he seeks the ability to respond to questions from the Court about that argument. As this Court has recognized, granting a Rule 217 motion allows the Court to “revisit [its] holding” in an earlier case. *McLeod v. Starnes*, 396 S.C. 647, 651, 723 S.E.2d 198, 201 (2012).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Grayson Lambert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wm." and last name "Lambert" clearly distinguishable.

Wm. Grayson Lambert
Chief Legal Counsel

cc: Counsel of Record (via email only)