The South Carolina Court of Appeals

South Carolina Public Interest Foundation, and John Sloan, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, Appellants,

v.

South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division, and Mark Keel, in his official capacity as Chief of the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division, Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2025-002437

ORDER

On May 28, 2026, The Cato Institute moved for leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief in support of Appellants. Respondents did not file a return.

On July 1, 2026, Institute for Justice moved for leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief in support of Appellants. Respondents did not file a return.

On September 14, 2026, The South Carolina Attorney General's Office and South Carolina Solicitor's Association moved for leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief in support of Respondents. Appellants did not file a return.

After careful consideration, the three motions for leave to file *amicus curiae* briefs are granted. The conditionally-filed-and-served *amici curiae* briefs are hereby accepted, and the parties are granted thirty days from the date of this order to file responses.

Kristi Curtis J.
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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