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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Via E-mail

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

RE: *Andrew Gerken individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Anna Marie L. Gerken, deceased v. Avon Products, et al.*
Civil Action No. 2023-CP-40-06111
- and -
Debra McAndrew Barnett v. Johnson & Johnson et al.
Appellate Case No. 2026-002207
NMRS File Nos. 003501.01989, 003501.02023

Dear Ms. Howard:

Enclosed please find a Reply in Support of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed on October 5, 2026 by Petitioners Johnson & Johnson and Kenvue Inc. in connection with the above-captioned matters.

The Petition requests that this Court vacate the Circuit Court's order compelling a deposition of Petitioner Johnson & Johnson's corporate representative. That deposition is scheduled to occur on **Thursday, October 29, 2026**. Accordingly, Petitioners respectfully request that the Court consider their Petition at the Court's earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

s/ *Blake T. Williams*

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cc: All counsel of record