

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

T.R., P.R., K.W., and A.M., on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated; and Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc., Respondents,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections; and William R. Byars, Jr., as Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections, Appellants.

Appellate Case No. 2014-001080

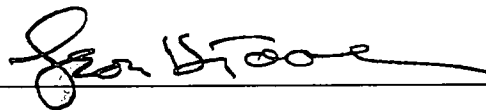
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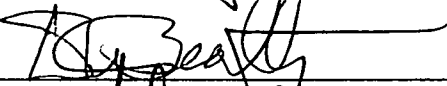
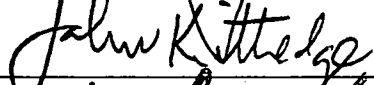

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This appeal was certified to this Court by order dated June 30, 2014. A petition for writ of supersedeas or stay, filed by the Department of Corrections, was pending at the time of certification, and respondents have since filed a return to the petition.

The parties have now filed a joint motion to stay the appeal while they engage in mediation. The motion is granted. Per the joint motion, we hereby issue a writ of supersedeas which shall remain in effect until the parties enter into a settlement agreement that fully resolves this litigation or until the mediator declares an impasse, which shall be declared within fifteen days after a party to the mediation notifies the mediator and other parties to the mediation in writing of its intent to terminate the mediation. In the event an impasse is declared, the writ of supersedeas shall remain in effect until this Court rules on the Department of Corrections' pending petition for writ of supersedeas or stay. The Department of Corrections shall have fifteen days from the date any impasse is declared to supplement the pending petition for a writ of supersedeas or stay, and respondents will have thirty days from the date any impasse is declared to file a supplement to their return to the petition.



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Columbia, South Carolina

July 24, 2014

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