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S.C. Supreme Court

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Supreme Court
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: *George Tempel v. South Carolina State Election Commission, et al.*
Case No. 2012-CP-10-3737
Appellate Case No. 2012-212729

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I have reviewed Liz Crum's September 14, 2012 correspondence on behalf of the S.C. State Election Commission. Ms. Crum's letter clarifies that the Commission is **not** taking a position in this Court about whether Paul Thurmond is a public official within the meaning of section 8-13-1356(A). We believe the argument in the Commission's brief was unclear, and we appreciate Ms. Crum's clarification of the Commission's position. We believe this clarification is important and should be shared with the justices.

Very truly yours,


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