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BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Appellate Case No. 2016-002541

S.C. SUPREME COURT

State of South Carolina, and City of Columbia, SC

v.

Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH

On Petition for a writ of *certiorari*

To the Court of Appeals of South Carolina

Petitioner's Motion to Summarily Grant, Vacate and Remand to the Court of Appeals

By her undersigned counsel, appearing for this motion and contemporaneously-filed others, Petitioner prays this Court to use the GVR procedure (applied by the U.S. Supreme in appropriate cases) and summarily reinstate and grant this petition for a writ of *certiorari* and remand the case to the Court of Appeals of South Carolina.

In support hereof, Petitioner shows that the sole reason for which the Court of Appeals dismissed her appeal, and the only applicable reason for which this Court dismissed her petition for a writ of *certiorari*, is the absence of counsel. That has now been remedied. The undersigned certifies to this Court that his now-client had approached him several times before and since filing her appeal but he was unavailable for new representation due to his health issues and anticipation of major surgery. The surgery was, thank God, successfully performed on the undersigned in December 2016; and, after convalescence in January 2017, the undersigned is now available for, and has agreed to, undertake this representation.

The undersigned counsel's previous unavailability was out of Petitioner's control.

WHEREFORE, the underlying petition should be summarily reinstated and granted and the matter should be remanded to the Court of Appeals for plenary review.

Respectfully submitted on February 21, 2017.


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