

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY

Court of Common Pleas

G. Thomas Cooper, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2014-001412

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South Carolina Public Interest Foundation and William B. DePass, Jr., individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated, Appellants,

vs.

Senator John E. Courson, Senator Darrell Jackson, Senator Joel Lourie, Senator John L. Scott, Jr. and The State of South Carolina, Respondents.

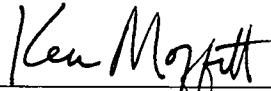
RESPONDENTS' MOTION TO WITHDRAW AND SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL

Pursuant to Rule 264(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, Respondents Senator John E. Courson, Senator Darrell Jackson, Senator Joel Lourie, Senator John L. Scott, Jr., respectfully come before this Court and file this Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel. The former attorney of record, Edward Bender, has requested to withdraw, and offers his departure from employment with the South Carolina Senate as justifiable cause. Daina Riley, South Carolina Bar Number 102810, is currently employed by the Senate and has agreed to be substituted in his place. The substitution is made with the approval of Respondents and the withdrawal is not sought for delay. Notice of this Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel has been provided to opposing counsel by placing a copy in an envelope, postage prepaid, and mailing it via first class mail to their respective addresses of record, this 25 day of May, 2017.

WHEREFORE, Respondents respectfully request that this Court grant its Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served Respondents Senator John E. Courson, Senator Darrell Jackson, Senator Joel Lourie, and Senator John L. Scott, Jr.'s **Reply in Opposition to Appellants' Petition for Rehearing and Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel** on counsel for each of the other parties by mailing a copy to them at the addresses below via the United States Mail this May 25, 2017.

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