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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

Ralph King Anderson, III, Chief Administrative Law Judge

Court of Appeals' Order filed July 20, 2017
Supreme Court Case Tracking No. 2017-002119

Fred Gatewood, #289775, Petitioner,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections, Respondent.

**MOTION BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FOR ITS RETURN TO EXCEED THE 25-PAGE LIMIT FROM
SOUTH CAROLINA APPELLATE COURT RULE 242(f)**

On November 28, 2017, the Respondent in the above-captioned matter, the South Carolina Department of Corrections ["SCDC"], filed, by and through its undersigned counsel, its Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed by Fred Gatewood ["Gatewood"].

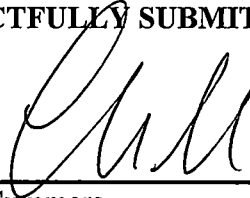
In support of SCDC's Return, which totaled 23 pages, SCDC's undersigned counsel filed a total of three (3) exhibits. However, by filing such exhibits in support of SCDC's Return, SCDC's undersigned counsel exceeded the 25-page page limit established by South Carolina Appellate Court Rule ["SCACR"] 242(f).

Accordingly, SCDC, by and through its undersigned counsel, respectfully moves the Court to allow its Return to exceed the 25-page limit established by SCACR 242(f).

SCDC's undersigned counsel respectfully submits that the materials included in the three (3) exhibits SCDC submitted in support of its Return provide essential clarity to the analysis and argument articulated not only in the Return but in Gatewood's Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

Thus, SCDC's undersigned counsel respectfully urges this Court to grant the instant motion and allow SCDC's Return to exceed the 25-page limit from SCACR 242(f).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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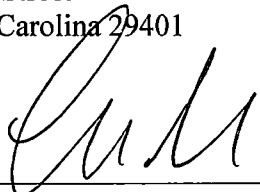
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I certify that I have served the **MOTION BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR ITS RETURN TO EXCEED THE 25-PAGE LIMIT FROM SOUTH CAROLINA APPELLATE COURT RULE 242(f)** on the above-named Petitioners by mailing a copy of the same to their counsel of record at the following address:

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