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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

Appeal from the Circuit Court of Richland County, South Carolina

G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2017-CP-40-02523

South Carolina House Republican Caucus, Appellant,

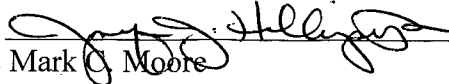
v.

State Media Company, The Post and Courier, Inc., Gannet GP Media, Inc., South Carolina Press Association, South Carolina Broadcasters Association, The Associated Press, Respondents.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

South Carolina House Republican Caucus appeals the Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Alter or Amend the Judgment, which is dated December 11, 2015, and the Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, which is dated November 9, 2017. The Orders were received by Appellant on December 15, 2017 and November 14, 2017, respectively. Copies of the Orders are attached to this Notice.

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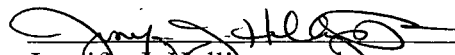
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The undersigned hereby certifies that on January 2, 2018, she caused a copy of the Notice of Appeal to be served to the following addresses via hand delivery:

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Re: *South Carolina House Republican Caucus, Appellant v. State Media Company, The Post and Courier, Gannet GP Media, Inc., South Carolina Press Association, South Carolina Broadcasters Association, The Associated Press, Respondents.*
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Enclosed for filing is a Notice of Appeal in the above-referenced matter. Also enclosed are the following items:

- 1) Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal on the Respondents and the Richland County Clerk of Court;
- 2) A copy of the Order, which are being challenged on appeal;
- 3) Our firm's check for \$100.00 to cover the cost of filing.

Counsel has requested the transcript of the proceedings and will notify this Court promptly upon receipt of same.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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