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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: South Carolina Public Interest Foundation, et al. v. The South Carolina
House of Representatives, et al.
Civil Action No. 2017-CP-40-00484
Appellate Case No. 2017-001638
Our File No. 49622/01500

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Please accept this letter as our consent, on behalf of Respondents South Carolina Senate and the Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., in his capacity as President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate (collectively, the "Senate"), to the request of the South Carolina House of Representatives for leave to file a supplemental brief. The Senate agrees with the content of the brief and supports its filing. If the brief is accepted by the Court, the Senate will file further notice joining the relief requested in the House's brief.

By copy of this letter, I am serving counsel of record for all parties.

With best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

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