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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court  
SC Supreme Court  
1231 Gervais Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Ex Parte: Hartford Fire Insurance  
Appellate Case No. 2019-001053  
Our File No. 032161/01506

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find the *Final Brief* and *Final Reply Brief* by Appellants American Empire Surplus Lines Insurance Company, BITCO General Insurance Corporation, Clarendon National Insurance Company, Harleysville Insurance Company n/k/a Nationwide Insurance Company, Selective Insurance Company, Crum & Forster Specialty Insurance Company, and First Mercury Insurance Company in this matter. I am filing these two briefs under the Court's new e-filing program. *See* In RE: Operation of the Appellate Courts During the Coronavirus Emergency § (c)(5), Admin Order No. 2020-03-20-01 (S.C. Sup. Ct. March 20, 2020). I am serving all counsel of record by email as provided for in paragraph (g)(3) of the March 20, 2020 administrative order, and include a proof of service attaching that email.

Please let me know should you need any additional information or have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully,



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cc: All Counsel of Record  
(Via Email)