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March 12, 2013

Mr. William J. Ardrey  
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Re: Trident Medical Center v. SCDHEC  
Appellate Case No. 2012-213506

Dear Mr. Ardrey:

This responds to your letter to Chief Justice Toal dated March 9, 2013. Please be advised that the Chief Justice cannot consider *ex parte* communications about the above case that is currently pending before the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Further, if it is appropriate for a motion to be made to certify this case for review by this Court, that motion will have to be made by one of the counsel representing the parties before the South Carolina Court of Appeals or by the South Carolina Court of Appeals. Rule 204(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

Accordingly, no action will be taken on your request for certification.

Very truly yours,

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cc: David Beam Summer, Jr., Esquire (with copy of letter)  
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Dear Chief Justice Jean Toal Hoefler,  
**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

So that I may have a nearby hospital before I die, I respectfully ask (as a private citizen and lay person) that the state Supreme Court reach down for the HCA/Trident v. Roper St. Francis Hospital case docketed at the state Appellate Court for May of this year. It's about whether Berkeley County, which currently has no hospital within its borders, is big enough to support two 50-bed hospitals at opposite ends of the county. Both DHEC and the SC administrative court have already ruled, emphatically, in the affirmative.

Speaking personally, The Roper Hospital would be about 12 minutes from my front door. And with an estimated population over 20,000 within minutes of the proposed site, in the fastest growing sector of the county, the case for this hospital grows more compelling with every passing day. Even were construction to begin today, the area population would have grown another 6000+ by the time the doors were opened.

Given their public utterances, HCA/Trident would likely appeal an adverse decision at the appellate level. Your court would wind up with the case anyway, and we senior citizens at Del Webb Cane Bay would lose another 12-24 months.

As a layman (an aging one), I simply ask that you please consider taking up the case directly. As I've heard lawyers say, time is of the essence. In this case it's especially true.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. J. Ardrey".

Thank you very much

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