

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court

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Ex parte the South Carolina Press Association,  
Movant

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

In re:

Faye P. Croft, et al.,  
Appellants

v.

Town of Summerville, et al.,  
Respondents

Appellate Case No. 2020-000334  
Lower Court Case No. 2015-CP-18-00991

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Appeal from Dorchester County  
Edgar W. Dickson, Circuit Court Judge

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF AS *AMICUS CURIAE*

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Movant, the South Carolina Press Association, is a not for profit corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the State of South Carolina, and having as its members the publishers of 98 newspapers published in South Carolina. The South Carolina Press Association and its members were instrumental in generating public and legislative support for the adoption of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10, *et seq.*, (2007 & Supp. 2018), and have consistently participated in efforts to strengthen public access to meetings and records of public bodies in South Carolina through lobbying, educational seminars for public officials, and litigation. Movant seeks leave of this court to address Questions 1, 2, and 3

presented by Petitioners in their petition for writ of certiorari on grounds that the Court of Appeals overlooked a provision in the law relating to committees of public bodies, and misapprehended the significance of endorsing Respondents' scheme of appointing *de facto* committees to circumvent the law. This motion is supported by Memorandum of Points and Authorities filed contemporaneously herewith.

Columbia, South Carolina

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