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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas  
The Honorable DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, Circuit Court Judge

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Opinion No. 2021-5818 (S.C. Ct. App. Filed July 1, 2021)

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South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners and the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation,

Appellants,

And South Carolina Optometric Physicians Association,

Petitioner,

v.

Opternative, Inc.,

Respondent.

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**RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIOARI**

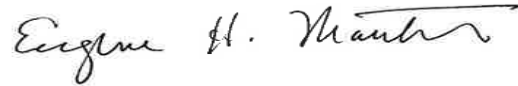
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NOW COME Appellants, South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners and the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation by and through counsel, and respond in support of Petitioner, South Carolina Optometric Physicians Association's Petition for Writ of Certioari. Appellants assert this Court should examine the issues outlined by Petitioner in its Petition for Writ of Certioari, grant the requested relief, and affirm the decision of the lower court.

Dated this the 21st day of September, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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