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The Honorable Patricia Ann Alexander Howard,
Clerk of South Carolina's ("SC") Supreme Court
1231 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Submitted by e-mail to suptcfilings@sccourts.org
With copies to Mr. Gillian at tgilliam@sccid.sc.gov
and to *Maitresses* Meadows and Jameson at
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Re: Response to Your 12 October 2021 Letter to Me in SC Appellate Case 2020-000891

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." [Luke 12:48](#)

"And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with
knowledge and understanding." [Jeremiah 3:15](#)

Your Honor:

I thank you for your 12 October 2021 letter to me and take this occasion to wish you divine guidance and success in your new position which has, with great power, great responsibilities and potential for *internal* rewards for "bringing justice to the oppressed" as the lawyers' oath binds lawyers to do.

To the immediate issue, *this Court in my own situation* treated proposed *amicus* as a party and ruled on my motion to reconsider denial of my motion to submit *amicus* brief in *State v. Duncan*. **For your ready access, I attach the relevant January to April 2011 documents from that case.** I also respectfully bring to your attention that said case was this Court's January 2011 case of the month and is still available at <https://www.sccourts.org/caseOfMonth/Jan2011/index.cfm> (the video of oral argument thereof used to be available at <https://www.sccourts.org/caseOfMonth/case-01-18-11.wmv> but, for some unknown reason, no longer plays). So, I respectfully submit that your refusal to take action on my motion to reconsider **is inconsistent with this very Court's prior treatment of amici as parties.**

Otherwise, regardless of court action *vel non* on the motion to reconsider itself, I do not understand the recurring failures to upload all the attachments to my submissions. All attachments to my submissions are court orders, communications from jurists, briefs and/or motions submitted to this Court or to the higher U.S. Supreme Court, or exhibits submitted in other court cases. They may be, with some search accessible to *this Court*, but are not *always* accessible to the public specially now that many court buildings are closed to the public and older *physical paper* records may even be stored in remote areas.

Therefore, I respectfully ask you to submit my motion to reconsider to the full court as guided by its own previous practice; but *at a minimum*, I respectfully ask you to ensure that all my attachments to that motion (as evidenced in the transmitting e-mail) are uploaded and available to the public.

I also respectfully ask you to direct investigation and remediation of the disappearing videos. Transparency promotes public confidence in the Judiciary, which is a duty of jurists and their assistants; and this Court took justified pride in pioneering easy availability of public records free of charge.

Thanks for your consideration and God bless.

[s/] Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH

Enc.: Documents related to proposed *amicus* submission in *State v. Duncan*

c.c.: All persons and entities to whom my motion to reconsider had been e-mailed