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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
Court Of Common Pleas  
R. Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge  
Circuit Court Case 2020CP4004603

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Appellate Case No. 2021-000472

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South Carolina Public Interest Foundation and John Crangle, individually  
and on behalf of all others similarly situated, . . . . . Appellants,  
v.

Alan Wilson, Attorney General for the  
State of South Carolina, Willoughby & Hoefler, P.A.,  
and Davidson, Wren & DeMasters, P.A. , . . . . . Respondents,

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**FINAL BRIEF OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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Pursuant to Rule 208(b)(6), SCACR, Alan Wilson, Attorney General for the State of South Carolina, concurs in the briefs of the Respondents Willoughby & Hoefler, P.A., and Davidson, Wren & DeMasters, P.A., and for the reasons set forth in those briefs, respectfully requests that this Court affirm the Order of the Honorable R. Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge, granting his Motion to Dismiss and dismissing this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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