

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

IN THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COURT

South Carolina Public Interest Foundation and Edward D. Sloan, Jr., individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, Appellants.

v.

James Rozier, as Chairman of the Commission of the Department of Transportation, James H. "Jay" Lucas, as Speaker of the S.C. House of Representatives, Henry D. McMaster, as President of the S.C. Senate, and The State of South Carolina, Respondents,

Return to the Petition for Original Jurisdiction

Pursuant to Rules 240(e) and 245 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, Respondent James H. "Jay" Lucas, as Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, files this return to the petition for original jurisdiction. Speaker Lucas does not object the exercise of original jurisdiction over this matter in the event that this Court believes such action is appropriate under Rule 245(a), SCACR.

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