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Dear Mr. Chairman and Esteemed Members of the General DSS Oversight Subcommittee:

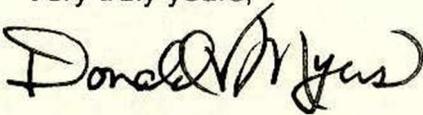
We unanimously write today as the lead prosecutor and the heads of the law enforcement agencies involved in the ongoing investigation of Tim Jones, Jr. We respectfully implore this subcommittee to refrain from forcing anyone, including DSS officials or employees or any member of law enforcement, to discuss any issue of this case at your upcoming subcommittee hearing or at any time prior to it being resolved in a court of law.

This is an active, ongoing, complex investigation into one of the most heinous and deplorable crimes in the history of the state of South Carolina. It deeply concerns us

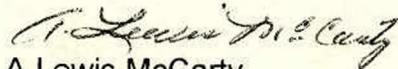
that forcing any discussion of this case prior to its resolution in court will jeopardize not only the ongoing investigation but also subsequent court proceedings.

Mr. Jones' legal defense team has already shown they are willing to take extraordinary legal actions, particularly relating to pretrial publicity. It gives us grave anxiety that our ability to seek justice for the Jones children will be adversely affected, albeit unintentionally, should the subcommittee force anyone to publicly discuss this case prior to its conclusion in court. It is submitted that any risk of imperiling justice or the sanctity of the judicial process is simply too great, and we beseech this subcommittee to refrain from forcing any discussion of this matter. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

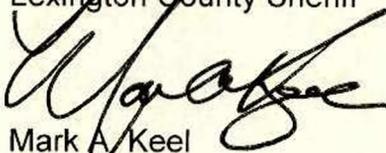
Very truly yours,



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