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ROBERT W. HARRELL, JR.
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The Honorable Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
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Dear Mr. Clerk of the House:

In light of recent events this letter serves as my suspension from the South Carolina House of Representatives pursuant to 8-13-560 of the South Carolina Code effective immediately.

I am proactively taking this step because I believe it is the right decision for the South Carolina House of Representatives, its members and the people we represent.

I have great respect for this institution and the people of South Carolina. I have always sought to act in their best interest and continue to do so now by taking this action and suspending myself from office.

Pursuant to House Rule 1.8, I have asked Speaker Pro Tempore, Jay Lucas, to carry out the duties of the office of Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives during my suspension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Harrell, Jr.", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Robert W. Harrell, Jr.
Speaker of the House

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