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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Supreme Court  
In the Original Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court

Appellate Case No. 2015-001443

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

v.

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.

**SENATOR HUGH K. LEATHERMAN, SR.'S  
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

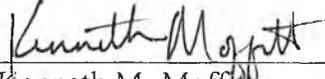
Pursuant to Rule 240 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, the Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., in his capacity as President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate, hereby moves the Court for leave to intervene as Respondent Intervenor, as provided by Rule 24 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. The arguments in support of intervention are set forth in the attached memorandum of law.

Petitioners South Carolina Public Interest Foundation and Edward D. Sloan filed with this Court a Petition for Original Jurisdiction on July 6, 2015. No other pleadings have been filed in this case. Because President Pro Tempore Leatherman's request for intervention is made prior to this Court making a determination concerning the Petition for Original Jurisdiction, intervention would not disrupt or delay the proceedings in this matter.

If the Court grants intervention, President Pro Tempore Leatherman respectfully requests that this Court permit him to file his return to the Petition for Original Jurisdiction five days after intervention is granted, or July 27, 2015, whichever is later.

Respectfully submitted,

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