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The Honorable Jay Lucas
Speaker
South Carolina House of Representatives
The Statehouse
Columbia, South Carolina
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Dear Speaker Lucas,

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts with you last night about the upcoming election of Administrative Law Court Seat 3, that my wife Judge Carolyn Matthews has occupied for the last 16 years. Challenging a sitting Judge of Carolyn's demonstrated competence is a dangerous precedent. Having a sitting member of The General Assembly's spouse run against her is deplorable. Every Judge in this state is in danger of being the victim of cronyism, and in this case, nepotism every time they offer for reelection.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you encourage Representative Laurie Funderburk to encourage her husband Bill Funderburk to immediately withdraw and that Representative Funderburke be removed from the recently appointed Ethics Committee.

Respectfully submitted,


John A. McAllister, Jr.