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The Honorable Murrell Smith
Speaker, South Carolina House of Representatives
The Honorable Thomas Alexander
President, South Carolina Senate

July 28, 2025

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

I write today to formally request that the General Assembly be reconvened on or before August 27th in order to amend the Sine Die resolution to include consideration of the immediate expulsion of RJ May from the South Carolina House of Representatives.

My expectation was that the process to expel May would be swift, as Article III, Section 12 of the South Carolina Constitution clearly provides that a two-thirds vote of the House is the only requirement for expulsion. Now that the warrant against May has finally been unsealed and the evidence presented is so horrific that a judge has denied him bail, it is apparent that this matter can no longer wait.

Within hours of his arrest I publicly demanded that May resign, but he has thus far refused to do so. In the meantime, the constituents of House District 88 in Lexington County are left without representation until this body acts. There is an increasing likelihood that these voters will be unrepresented when regular session reconvenes in January if we delay beyond the last week of August because of the time need to complete a special election.

I have spoken to numerous members across party lines and caucuses, and there appears to be broad unanimity in support of taking this decisive action to protect the integrity of the House and ensure the people of that district are not left without a voice.

Given the gravity of the allegations and the importance of maintaining the public's trust in our institution, I respectfully urge you to reconvene the legislature on one of the dates proposed above so that we may take up this necessary and urgent matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Jordan S. Pace