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The Honorable Patricia S. Connor, Clerk
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
1100 East Main Street, Suite 501
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Hickerson v. Yamaha Motor Corp. USA, No. 17-1075

Dear Ms. Connor:

Plaintiff-Appellant, Deborah Hickerson, respectfully submits *McRee v. Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc.*, 2017 WL 5201525 (D.S.C. Nov. 9, 2017) (Exhibit 1) as supplemental authority pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 28(j). This decision was issued after briefing in our case was completed.

The decision relates to Appellant's argument that claims alleging design defects in South Carolina are independent of claims alleging warning defects. These arguments are set out in Appellant's opening brief at pages 8-21 and reply brief at pages 6-14. More specifically, *McRee* relates directly to Appellant's argument on pages 12 and 19 (note 9) of the opening brief and page 14 of the reply brief that the federal district courts in South Carolina have differing interpretations of the state's 402A statute.

Finally, we believe Appellee's co-counsel to be aware of this decision in *McRee*, as they are counsel of record in that case. Since this ruling in *McRee* is directly contrary to the District Court's ruling in our case, the parties are duty-bound to bring this ruling to the Court's attention.

Respectfully submitted,

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