IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA CHARLESTON DIVISION

craigslist, Inc.) Civil Action No. 2:09-cv-01308-CWH
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Plaintiff,)
)
VS.)
)
Henry D. McMaster, in his official)
capacity as the Attorney General) MOTION TO DISMISS
of the State of South Carolina; David	OF DEFENDANTS ATTORNEY
Pascoe; Barbara R. Morgan; C. Kelly) GENERAL AND SOLICITORS
Jackson; Jay E. Hodge, Jr.; W. Barney)
Giese; Douglas A. Barfield, Jr.; Trey)
Gowdy, III; Jerry W. Peace; Scarlett)
Wilson; Christina T. Adams; Donald V.)
Myers; Edgar L. Clements, III; Robert M.)
Ariail; I. McDuffie Stone, III; Gregory)
Hembree; and Kevin S. Brackett, in their)
official capacities as South Carolina Circuit)
Solicitors,)
)
Defendants.)

The Defendants Attorney General and the sixteen Circuit Solicitors¹ hereby move for dismissal of the Complaint herein pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6), FRCP, in that, for the following reasons, Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted:

- 1. The Court should abstain from interceding in this matter under the <u>Younger</u> and <u>Burford</u> doctrines. <u>Younger v. Harris</u>, 401 U.S. 37 (1971); <u>Burford v. Sun Oil Co.</u>, 319 U.S. 315 (1943).
- 2. Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act (47 U.S.C.A. § 230) does not give

¹J. Strom Thurmond was elected as Solicitor for the Second Judicial Circuit upon the retirement of Barbara Morgan, and William B. Rogers, Jr., was elected as Solicitor for the Fourth Judicial Circuit upon the retirement of Jay E. Hodge, Jr.

Plaintiff immunity from prosecution for aiding and abetting prostitution in violation of South Carolina criminal law.

- 3. The Complaint fails to state a claim for a violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. §1983.
- 4. The Complaint fails to state a claim for a violation of the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.
- 5. Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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