Exhibit 6
June 29, 2021

The Honorable Mary Geiger Lewis
U.S. District Judge
901 Richland Street
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable J. Mark Hayes II
180 Magnolia Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306

Dear Honorable Judge Lewis and Honorable Judge Hayes,

I am writing to attest to my knowledge of the character of my friend and former church member, Kevin Marsh. I have known Kevin for over forty years. We first met when he and his wife Sue volunteered as youth counselors at my home church in the late 1970’s. I was young and impressionable. Kevin was a good role model for me as I attended college, graduate school and began my ministry. Though we didn’t remain in close contact through those early years after I left home for graduate school, Kevin and I kept in touch through family members and friends. We reconnected more closely when I was appointed as one of the ministers at what was then Kevin’s church. We have kept in touch ever since.

I would like to speak to the kind of person I know Kevin to be. Kevin’s success in life and business come from his work ethic and integrity. He began his career as a public accountant and because of his work rose to the highest position at SCANA. It wasn’t because he is a good old South Carolina boy, because he isn’t. It was not because he was politically well connected, because he wasn’t. He worked his way upward through the ranks and the respect he garnered assured his success. Kevin never let himself be defined by his professional accomplishments, however. I remember well being quite shocked to learn Kevin had been named president of South Carolina Electric and Gas. We were friends, yet he never mentioned it. Kevin always remained Kevin.

I could give many examples of the exceptional character Kevin has shown through years. I’ll give three examples, two of which have heretofore been kept private because of pastoral confidentiality. I share them with Kevin’s permission.

When I became the associate pastor of Union United Methodist Church in Irmo, SC, I inherited a church in financial crisis. The senior pastor assigned me the responsibility of addressing the budget problems. One of my first actions was to involve Kevin in the stewardship process. I had selected a campaign which included an essential ingredient of a free,
catered meal for the entire congregation. In 1993 the church had nearly 2,000 members. The Finance Committee balked at the meal idea since the church was already having money problems. I insisted on the meal at no cost to individual church members. We were deadlocked until Kevin stepped forward and offered to pay for the entire meal for the congregation. The stewardship campaign was an overwhelming success, in large part because of Kevin’s generosity. Kevin later went on to serve as chairperson of the Finance Committee and led the church to financial health.

The second example came several years later. Kevin called me one day to tell me he and Sue wanted to attend a smaller church where they could make a real difference in the life of the church. He didn’t want a church which was represented by the shakers and movers in business and politics. He wanted a church attended by average folks. I gave him a couple of suggestions and they chose Grace United Methodist Church. Kevin and Sue became very active members and also were the largest financial supporters of the congregation. The difference they made in the church was amazing and is still apparent today.

That leads me to the last example. Kevin invited me to Grace to lead their stewardship campaign. I met with their leadership team and preached on their consecration Sunday. Several weeks later Kevin called to thank me and give me the positive results. During the phone call he told me he had been thinking about what I said during my sermon. I had mentioned in the sermon that many of my church members in Fort Mill, South Carolina, were suffering greatly from the global financial crisis of 2007. Our close proximity to Charlotte resulted in many lost jobs in the financial sector. Kevin said he would like to send “some money” to my pastor’s discretionary account and asked if I could use it to help those people who were having difficulty. I told him I could. I didn’t give the conversation much thought until another couple of weeks passed. My administrative assistant came into my office one day and asked me if I knew somebody named Kevin Marsh. I said that I did. She then told me a check arrived for my discretionary account. “Some money” was $10,000.

Kevin’s gift was totally unsolicited. The Dean family did not lose their house because I was able to help them with their tax bill. Many families in Fort Mill received my (Kevin’s) assistance and as a result did not suffer the indignity and difficulty of having Duke Power turn off their electricity for non-payment. These people were all unknown to Kevin. When they asked where the assistance came from, I told them an anonymous good Christian man had been successful in life and wanted to share his bounty with those who were having a difficult time.

If any are suggesting Kevin’s conduct in business was self-serving, I beg to differ. Having known Kevin for my entire adult life, I know for a fact that Kevin believes we are blessed in order that we might bless others. He has demonstrated that time and time again.

My final comment about Kevin’s character pertains to his role as husband. I find it difficult to say “Kevin” without saying, “Kevin and Sue.” Their devotion to one another since high school could serve as a model for all of us who are married. Most recently, with Sue’s
cancer returning, Kevin, even in the midst of his legal challenges, has been the kind of spouse anyone would want when the chips are down. Though certainly concerned about his own future, he constantly speaks of his concern for Sue. I have heard him say often, “No matter what happens to me, I’ll manage somehow. I’m just concerned about Sue.” In the forty plus years I have known Kevin Marsh, it has never all been about him.

I hope my comments give you some insight into the kind of person Kevin is. I know the “judging” business can be difficult and at times heart breaking. I certainly respect and appreciate you as you carry out your responsibilities.

Sincerely,

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