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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: Paula Russell, Claimant, Petitioner, vs. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Employer, and American Home Assurance, Carrier, Respondents.
Appellate Case No.: 2023-000403
WJC&B File No.: 0170.01754

Dear Ms. Howard:

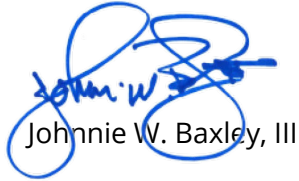
Our firm represents the Respondents in the above-referenced matter. With this letter, I request a brief fourteen (14)-day extension of time for filing and serving the Final Brief of Respondents. The grounds for this request is as follows:

We learned from your office today that Petitioner filed her Final Brief with the Supreme Court on January 11, 2024. Per the Proof of Service, the Brief was served on Respondents via e-mail only. Respondents have never seen the e-mail, despite diligently checking all available electronic mailboxes, including the inbox, deleted messages, spam filters, and quarantined messages. Until Respondents received confirmation from your office on February 13, 2024, Respondents were unaware that Petitioner had ever filed a Brief. Consequently, Respondents were unable to file their responsive brief prior to the deadline.

Based on the foregoing, Respondents would request a brief fourteen (14)-day extension of time for filing and serving the Final Brief of Respondents. The appropriate filing fee will follow by mail.

With kindest regards,

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