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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

Appeal from the Administrative Law Court
Hon. Crystal M. Rookard, Administrative Law Judge
Case No. 23-ALJ-04-0447-AP
Appellate Case No.: 2024-000888

South Carolina Department of Corrections, Respondent.

v.

John William Melton,Appellant.

MOTION TO EXTEND TIME FOR FILING

Pursuant to SCACR, Rule 224, Appellant moves this Honorable Court for an Order extending for an additional thirty (30) days the time to file Appellant’s Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal herein.

Appellant retained the services of the undersigned counsel on Friday June 7, 2024, and currently has a deadline of June 10, 2024, to submit Appellant’s Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal.

Appellant submits that this Motion is not for the purpose of delay but is due solely to ensure Appellant’s undersigned counsel obtains adequate time in which to file the required materials on behalf of Appellant.

Accordingly, Appellant respectfully asks that the interim period be held in abeyance and that the time to file Appellant’s Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal herein be extended for an additional thirty (30) days.

June 10, 2024

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is in the office of Travis Dane Hilka, Attorney at Law, and is a person of such age and discretion as to be competent to serve papers, and that copies of the Motion to Extend Time for Filing were served upon the South Carolina Department of Corrections on June 10, 2024, by depositing copies of same to its counsel in the United States Mail, with sufficient postage affixed thereto, addressed as follows:

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